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Jordan blasts PLO as peace talks falter

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The shaky peace process in the Middle East, subject to fits and starts, shuddered to a halt last week after the abrupt announcement by King Hussein that he was washing his hands of the PLO.

The Jordanian monarch, in a lengthy television speech in Amman, used some of the strongest language in memory to describe his disappointment with Yasser Arafat, the leader of the splintered PLO.

Declaring that Arafat had proved to be an untrustworthy partner in the effort to find a formula to get peace talks with Israel rolling, Hussein said pointedly:

"I... hereby announce that we are unable to continue to coordinate politically with the PLO leadership until such time as their word becomes their bond, characterized by commitment, credibility and constancy."

Despite his condemnation of Arafat, the king said he still accepted the 1974 Arab League resolution designating the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

And although he said that "another chapter in the search for peace" had ended, Hussein made it clear he had not abandoned the principles of his Feb. 11, 1985 agreement with the PLO, which Israel rejected out of hand.

Under its terms, Jordan and the PLO in effect offered Israel a settlement in return for an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories and the establishment of a Jordanian-Palestinian federation.

Jordan's withdrawal from peace talks came in the wake of unsuccessful efforts by King Hussein to convince Arafat to accept two key United Nations resolutions — 242 and 338 — which essentially call for Israel's evacuation of the occupied areas taken in the Six Day War in return for peace and recognition by the Arab states.

King Hussein claims that Arafat promised him the PLO would officially accept the resolutions, which have been the cornerstone of peacemaking diplomacy for the past 18 years. On this basis, senior U.S. diplomats invested considerable time and effort in an attempt to launch talks.

Recently, Richard Murphy, the American assistant secretary of state specializing in Middle Eastern affairs, had separate talks in London with King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who was on a state visit to Britain.

Reflecting the optimism that was still current, Peres said that 1986 "may be the best year for peace."

But, in retrospect, Peres' sentiments were too sanguine.

Arafat found resolutions 242 and 338 unacceptable because they do not specifically mention the right of the Palestinians to self-determination.

Arafat, too, was bitterly disappointed by Washington's statement that it was opposed to the concept of Palestinian self-determination, even if the PLO recognized the twin resolutions.

Hearing that Arafat had been unable or unwilling to embrace the resolutions unequivocably, Peres said gloomily, "The situation has gone back to square one."

King Hussein's abject failure to reach a workable understanding with Arafat is not without precedent. In April of 1983, Jordan suddenly suspended discussions with the PLO following Arafat's refusal to accept the provisions of President Ronald Reagan's 1982 peace plan.

Reagan's proposal, which Jerusalem found objectionable as well, turned on Israel's withdrawal from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and the creation of a Palestinian entity in association with Jordan.

The plan came out

King Hussein

against the idea of an independent Palestinian state.

Observers knew that the latest installment of the peace process had fizzled out after the Reagan administration's recent decision to postpone, for the second time, a $1.9 billion arms package to Jordan.

At the insistence of the U.S. Senate, the shipment of sophisticated American weaponry had been tied to

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Senate approval took 37 years

U.S. ratifies genocide pact

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Sen. William Proxmire (D. Wis.), who had urged Senate ratification of the Genocide Convention every day the Senate had been in session since Jan. 11, 1967, said he was "delighted" it had finally occurred. But he added "it's a great shame" that it took 37 years.

The Senate ratified the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide by an 83 to 11 vote last week.

The vote came almost 37 years after President Truman, who signed the Convention on Dec. 11, 1948, submitted it to the Senate and after 97 other countries ratified it.

Proxmire said he hoped that the United States will use the treaty to stop acts of genocide where ever they may appear in the world.

But he said he was disappointed that the effect of the treaty has been weakened by the inclusion of reservations maintaining the right of the U.S. not to submit certain matters covered by the convention to the World Court and preventing the treaty from superceding the U.S. constitution.

Proxmire said he hoped a future administration would delete these provisions because the U.S. has joined the Soviet Union in saying it was above international law.

The treaty, which declares genocide, whether in peacetime or wartime, a crime under international law and defines it as killing or harming national, ethnic, racial or religious groups or members of those groups.

The Senate rejected by a 62-31 vote an amendment by Sen. Steve Symms (R. Idaho) that would have added persecution for political reasons. But by a 93-1 vote, the Senate directed President Reagan to seek such a change at the UN.

Proxmire credited Reagan's support for the treaty with its ratification. Every President since Truman, except Eisenhower, had urged ratification, but conservative opposition had prevented approval.

Reagan did not voice support for ratification until the eve of his appearance before the B'nai B'rith International convention in Washington September of 1984. He reaffirmed his support in a letter to the Senate last year.

Credit is also being given to Sen. Richard Lugar (R. Ind.), chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, and Senate majority leader Robert Dole (R. Kans.).

Dole pledged that the Senate would ratify the treaty in appearance at the groundbreaking ceremony for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and before the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Lugar helped work out the two reservations with the leading opponent of ratification, Sen. Jesse Helms (R. NC). One Jewish source noted that while Helms, Symms and other conservative Republicans voted against ratification they had dropped plans to filibuster.

One conservative who voted for ratification was Sen. Chic Hecht (R. Nev.), who had joined other Conservatives last year in suggesting that ratification might endanger Israel since it might be charged with genocide.

A spokesman for Hecht told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Hecht was persuaded by the reservations and by Israel's support for ratification.

Proxmire, who made more than 3,000 speeches for ratification, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he began his efforts in 1967 because "I felt that genocide was the most hideous vicious" crime in the world. He said he was old enough to remember the Holocaust and the murder of six million Jews.

Proxmire added he began speaking daily as "a way of keeping the public consciousness awake."

IDF withdraws following sweep

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israel Defence Forces last week called off its massive search in south Lebanon for two Israeli soldiers kidnapped by Shiite Moslem extremists Feb. 27 and still missing.

The search, begun when Israeli infantry, supported by tanks, half tracks, armored personnel carriers and helicopters fanned out of the border security zone into south Lebanon, eased off on Friday. On Saturday morning, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy and the commander of the northern region, Maj.-Gen. Ori Orr, brought the operation to an end.

Virtually all IDF units are now back in Israel, the cabinet was told at a briefing. Rabin said Israel would continue to seek "relevant information" as to the whereabouts of the missing soldiers. "Once we get the relevant information," Rabin told Voice of Israel Radio, "we shall decide how to act." Military sources said earlier that the search will not be carried out "by other methods."

In the course of the 4-day operation, the IDF conducted house-to-house searches in some 20 Shiite villages in south Lebanon. About 3,000 villagers were questioned and 90 were detained. Large caches of weapons and ammunition were seized in many of the villages.

The arms were said to belong to the Hezbullah (Party of God) movement, the fanatical Iran-linked Shiite group which was believed behind the kidnapping of the soldiers, and Amal, the mainstream

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Prospect "grim" for Ethiopians

NEW YORK (JTA) — **A senior state department official said last week that the prospect for the emigration of the some 9,000 Jews who still remain in Ethiopia is grim and that the situation is not likely to change in the near future.**

"Ethiopian Jewry's present situation is without prospect at all," Princeton Lyman, United States assistant secretary of state for African affairs, told the plenary session of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. "I do not anticipate any dramatic breakthrough in the situation" in the near future, he added.

Lyman explained that most of the emigration of Ethiopian Jews in the last few years, including the airlift known as Operation Moses which brought about 10,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel more than a year ago, took place through the Sudan.

But this is no longer possible since the removal of Sudan's moderate, pro-Egyptian president Gaafar Nimeiry last spring and the establishment of a radical regime amidst political turmoil all over the country, Lyman said. He said that Operation Moses has become a major political issue in the Sudan, viewed by many Sudanese as an "insult to Sudan's national honor."

In view of this development, Lyman asserted, "it is impossible to conveive of the Sudan as a pathway for Ethiopian migration in the near future."

The situation of Ethiopian Jews is complicated by the attitude of the military-Marxist pro-Soviet government in Ethiopia, Lyman said. "The government objects to free Jewish emigration. They resent the attention of the international community to the Jews of Ethiopia. But at the same time they are sensitive to the international attention to the Jews," he said.

Lyman said that the relationship between the U.S. and Ethiopia is not good, and that makes it difficult for Washington to exert any influence on the issue of Ethiopian Jews.

Costly claim

MIAMI (AP) — **A former Miami-area restaurateur has been awarded $22.5 million from jurors who agreed with his contention that his fancy restaurant was boycotted and driven to bankruptcy when a Jewish businessman labelled him an anti-semite. Denis Rety, former owner of La Belle Epoque in Bay Harbor Islands, sued Arthur Green and his company, Southern Commodity Corp., for defamation of character.**

The award was $2.5 million more than Rety

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Shultz lauds economy drive

WASHINGTON (JTA) — **Secretary of State George Shultz said last week that Israel has made "significant progress" in rehabilitating its economy. At the same time, however, he called for further cuts in what he described as Israel's "excessive government spending" and urged that additional reforms be implemented.**

Speaking before the Senate budget committee on the foreign aid requests included in the President's fiscal year 1987 budget that was submitted to Congress this month, Shultz observed that new fiscal and monetary policies taken by the Israeli government have yielded "dramatic" results in reducing inflation.

The inflation rate has come down from 27½% last July to 1.3% in December, Shultz noted.

George Shultz

The $1.5 billion awarded Israel in supplemental economic assistance that was tacked on to the 1985 budget "made an important contribution" to the improvement in Israel's eco-

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Extremist Shiites kill fourth Jew

PARIS (JTA) — **A fourth Lebanese Jewish hostage has been murdered in Beirut. An extremist Shiite Lebanese group, the Organization of the Oppressed in the World, last week announced the "execution" of Dr. Eliek Hallak, 60, a physician and the vice-president of the Lebanese Jewish community.**

Hallak, a popular general practitioner and lecturer at Beirut Medical School, was kidnapped outside his home in West Beirut March 30, 1985. Four other Jews were kidnapped at the same time.

Lebanese police say his body has not yet been found but a Beirut daily, Al Nahar, published a polaroid picture of Hallak's body. The picture was of the same type as those showing the body of the last Jewish victim, Ibrahim Benisti (also spelled Benesti), and two members of his family who had been kidnapped with him the previous day.

The killers also published a communique saying that Hallak's killing was in retaliation for "Israel's terrorist activities in villages of oppressed people in south Lebanon."

The Shiite organization, believed to be close to the pro-Iranian Hezbulla movement, also accused Hallak of having been "a prominent member of the Israeli (secret service) Mossad."

Four more Jewish hostages are believed to be in the hands of the gang, which has murdered three of its Jewish captives since December. The Organization of the Oppressed is a relative newcomer to the terrorist scene and first became known last June when it hijaeked a TWA airliner to Beirut demanding the release of 300 Shiite prisoners held by Israel.

World-National

Soviet role in terrorism underscored

By
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The Sunday New York Times of Feb. 9 printed a full-page advertisement headlined "The Tel Aviv Declaration," it naturally caught my eye, and I am sure many readers saw and read it as well. The contents of the ad deserve some discussion.

Rabbi Plaut

The signatories are prestigious persons, many of them well known. Among them are Joseph Luns, former secretary-general of NATO, and two former presidents of their respective countries: Mario Enchandi Jimenez of Costa Rica and Francisco Morales Bermudez of Peru. They had participated in a conference on State Terrorism and the International System held in Tel Aviv in January, under the auspices of the International Security Council.

Its message may be summarized as follows:

• Terrorism is on the increase. It will assume intolerable proportions unless it is stopped.

• Despite all difficulties, the war against terrorism is winnable. But to win it, two conditions have to be met: 1) Its operation has to be understood; 2) The Free World has to band together and work as a single-minded unit in this struggle.

Understanding the operation of terrorism means to discern its distinct patterns. They reveal that there is one major source that fuels terrorism. That source, says the ad, is Soviet Russia.

This, of course, raises at once the spectre of a renewed Cold War. The rhetoric seems at first blush to be old Reagan vintage: Everything that is wrong with the world is made in Russia.

But just because Reagan might have endorsed the ad does not make it false in itself, even if otherwise the U.S. president is not your favorite. The Tel Aviv Declaration makes a convincing case for considering this matter carefully.

It states that it is "the well-documented role of the Soviet Union to provide the professional infrastructure for worldwide terrorism, including money, arms, explosives, recruitment and training, passports and escape routes, transport, communications, safe havens, control officers, and more. Taken together, these constitute an elaborate international network of support systems for terrorists."

The Free World must, however, marshal its will to form a common front. If it does nothing, terrorism will increase and create more and more ghastly scenarios. The ad goes on to call on the U.S. to take the lead in mounting a vigorous campaign of public information.

Jews have long suspected that a nation that has no compunction in suppressing human rights and persecuting our people will have no hesitation when it comes to spearheading an international terrorist network. This does not mean that the Soviet Union is directly responsible for every terrorist act. But without its support system, terrorists would be less successful and operate less frequently.

Jewish organizations are in a difficult position. Even if they are convinced of the facts they hesitate to speak out because they do not want to endanger fellow Jews in the Soviet orbit. They are thus on the horns of a dilemma.

But if they cannot speak others must, and the Tel Aviv Declaration has at last cleared the decks for public discussion.

PLO, Sandinista links cited by U.S. officials

By
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WASHINGTON —

"A close relationship continues to this day," between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Nicaragua's Sandinista government, Elliot Abrams, assistant secretary of state of Latin American affairs, said recently in a review of U.S. relations with its southern neighbors.

Abrams recalled at a news conference that Yasser Arafat was "the most honored guest" during the Sandinistas' celebration of the first anniversary of their rule. He also noted that the Nicaraguan government has named a power plant in memory of a Sandinista member who fought for the PLO and participated in the murders of Israelis.

But U.S. critical of policies in territories

Israel rated favorably on rights

By
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WASHINGTON —

The U.S. state department has once again given Israel a generally favorable report on its human rights practices within the pre-1967 frontiers.

But the annual assessment, released on Feb. 13, was considerably more critical of certain Israeli policies beyond those lines — in East Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights.

"The United States holds the view that Israel's presence in all these territories is that of an occupying power," the report said. As a result, the report was again divided into two sections — Israel proper and the occupied territories.

"Israel is a parliamentary democracy which guarantees by law and reflects in practice the civil, political, and religious rights of its citizens," it said. "Israeli society is characterized by its openness and by its wide ranging and lively public debate on all issues of popular concern. "There is "a vigorous free press."

Strained relations cited

But, as in the past, the report continued, "the most significant human rights problems for Israel in 1985 derived from the strained relations between the Israeli authorities and the Arab inhabitants of the occupied territories."

In 1985, a major change of Israeli policy toward the West Bank and Gaza, the report suggested, was the reduced amount of Jewish settlement activity there. The national unity government, in late 1984, limited the number of new settlements to six. Last year, three of these were officially dedicated — one in the Golan Heights and two on the West Bank.

Another change last year, the report continued, was a more aggressive Israeli effort to promote a non-PLO Palestinian leadership on the West Bank. "The present Israeli policy is to support the installation of acceptable, non-PLO Palestinian mayors who have local and Jordanian support in place of Israeli military appointees," it said.

But last year also saw an increase in apparently "spontaneous" terrorist attacks against Israelis — without the involvement of outside organizations. "Much of the violence, including the increased use of homemade bombs, knives, guns and Molotov cocktails, appears . . . to have been spontaneous and local."

The report noted that torture is forbidden by Israeli law and "there is no evidence that torture is condoned by the Israeli authorities."

Still, it pointed out that "Israeli border and national policemen have been convicted of abusive use of force against Arab prisoners, and the Israeli Supreme Court has ordered the withdrawal from evidence of confessions by West Bankers on the grounds that they appear to have been obtained by force."

The report was critical of Israel's continuing policy of destroying the homes of West Bank and Gaza resident accused of involvement in security incidents. At least 17 houses were demolished in 1985, it said.

"There is no judicial review of a decision to seal or demolish a house or room and such action is usually taken before the suspect has been put on trial. Houses or rooms used by Israelis suspected or convicted of security offenses in the occupied territories were not demolished or sealed in 1985."

The report added: "It is widely believed that mail and telephone services in the West Bank and Gaza are monitored. Individuals can be and are questioned on their political views by security officials. Such inquires can involve overnight detention."

In terms of free speech and press, however, there were some improvements. "The number of books explicitly prohibited was reduced from 1,300 to 350 after the present Israeli government took office," it said. "Foreign journalists have not reported any difficulties in meeting with inhabitants of the occupied territories."

Living standards rise

The report noted that living standards for the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza have risen "substantially since 1967, although more slowly than in Israel or Jordan; per capita gross income in 1985 was three times its 1967 level."

Within Israel proper, approximately 16% of the population are Arabs "who do not share the Zionist principles upon which the state was founded," it said. Referring to some ultra-Orthodox groups such as Neturei Karta, the report said that "some Jewish communities in Israel also reject Zionism."

The Israeli Arab community, it continued, is "proportionally underrepresented in the Knesset; 16% of Israel's total population is Arab, but only 7 of 120 knesset members are Arab. This may be due, in part, to poor political organization within the Arab community."

The Israeli Arab minority, it said, "has equal rights under the law in most respects, and Israeli Arabs have made substantial educational and material progress since the founding of the state. Some have risen to responsible positions in the civil service, generally in the Arab departments of government ministries.

"Israeli Arabs, however, are relatively powerless and tend to feel alienated. Despite some governmental and private efforts to bridge the gap, there is little social interaction with Israeli Jews. Israeli Arabs assert that they are denied equal access to education, housing, and other services, and that they are discriminated against in such areas as employment and appointment of government positions. Government grants to Arab local councils represent a smaller percentage of the councils' budget than is the case for grants to Jewish municipalities.

"While Arabs make up about 16% of the population of Israel, less than 2% of the persons in senior government positions are Arabs, less than 3% of Israeli judges are Arabs, and no large bank, industrial enterprise, or agricultural undertaking in Israel is headed by an Israeli Arab. Israeli Arabs make up 3% of university students and less than 1% of the academic positions in the universities."

Israeli women, meanwhile, "participate freely in the political process and account for more than 40% of the political party membership." At the same time, however, only 10 members of the Knesset and two of the judges of the Supreme Court are women. "There are no women in the 25-member cabinet. One woman is currently serving as a deputy minister."

There is an "acute" problem of overcrowding in Israeli prisons, according to the report.

It said that Israel has "an advanced health care system with a high doctor-to-patient ratio. Life expectancy is 74 years, and the infant mortality rate is 13.1 per 1,000 live births."

But the report quoted the Israeli health ministry as noting that the quality of drinking water in Israel is "poor" and that the incidence of disease connected with pollutants in water is "significantly higher than in Europe or the United States."

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Kids helped calm parents after space shuttle disaster

By
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WASHINGTON —

NBC hustled a child psychologist on to the air. He said talk to the kids. USA Today followed with a story headlined, "Explaining disaster to kids." It included a survey that showed that 69% of us had talked with our kids. The New York Times' poll reported that 75% of us had talked to our kids and three-fifths of the kids had been talked to by their schools. No wonder the Japanese are beating the pants off of us. Our kids can't get any work done.

Almost immediately after the space shuttle Challenger blew up, national concern focused on children. What to do? They had seen it all. And if they had not seen it live, they had seen it on one of the incessant tape repeats of the explosion; it was funeral music for the eyes. In an era of media hype, this was the real thing — a national tragedy. The event itself was breathtaking in its finality, almost biblical. There, in the heavens, seven persons — one of them a schoolteacher — existed one moment and were gone the next.

The experts paraded on. Psychologists, psychiatrists . . . they offered their advice. They were solemn and serious, and hinted that if things were not done just right, your child could — indeed would — be picked up some years hence for burning his school. In a Freudian age, we post sentries to keep a keen eye out for the traumatic experience. The experts shouted the alarm. Trauma was spotted advancing over the hill.

A visitor from an earlier generation would wonder why all the anxiety. Death was once commonplace and the kids who survived, survived. You only have to go back a generation or two in any family to come across ancestors who had a dozen children, of whom only maybe three reached adulthood. Women routinely died in childbirth. Famine struck. Storms hit. Men were killed in war or at dangerous jobs and influenza, when it came, emptied cities. Death was then very much a part of life. Still, there was poetry and music and young men brought flowers to young women.

Why then the anxiety now? Why the sudden concern that today's children will be scarred by the death of people they don't even know? Certainly, some of the anxiety was purely personal and had nothing to do with children. Adults are the ones who are closer to death — who live with it and who wondered what it felt like in that shuttle: Did it hurt? Did they know? Was the entire, doomed shuttle voyage just life in fast-forward — from something to nothing in a flash? We all thought of these things.

But to be a parent is to know more than anxiety. It is to know guilt. The tragedies of yesteryear — the deaths of children by disease and women in childbirth — were mostly attributed to God. In any event, aside from war, they were unavoidable. But a space shuttle is a creation of man; so, too, is television. Events that once could be shielded from a child now no longer can.

In some cases, the Challenger tragedy stood for all the ways in which television and the rest of the mass media have diminished the authority of the parents, circumscribed our role, forced us to deal with unwanted issues and, in the end, made us wonder about what was being done to our children.

In a way, the anxiety over Challenger was similar to the one about child abuse. There has always been child abuse. Every neighborhood had its creep and much of the time the kids knew him — or her — and so, in some vague way, did parents. But in recent years, the reality of child abuse has exploded into a national anxiety. Once again, the answer is guilt. Children get abused when their parents are not watching. They are not watching when they choose to work — when they choose, in other words, not to parent. That happens to be the choice many of us have made and have to make. There are rewards — money, fulfilment. There is also guilt. A mother with a child at child care knows the feeling.

Some will argue that the national anxiety about children that followed the Challenger explosion is proof of what most of us will not admit — that we know the victims of contemporary American culture are our children. In fact, we worry plenty, agonize a lot, but know no such thing. The kids are constantly testifying otherwise. After the tragedy, we did what the experts suggested and talked to our children. It was good advice. They calmed us down.

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Remaining prisoners in limelight

By
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In the eight years of Anatoly Scharansky's imprisonment, he has served as the public focus for the Soviet Jewry movement.

Who among the remaining 20 Jewish prisoners-of-conscience, 15,000 Refuseniks and 350,000 Jews awaiting permission to leave the Soviet Union will take his place in the spotlight, following his release?

The answer, say leaders of Soviet Jewry groups who are reluctant to make predictions, will probably come from a small group of longterm activists whose plights are likely to become better known. Among them are:

• **Ida Nudel**—The Guardian Angel of the Soviet Jewish prisoners-of-conscience, Nudel spent four years in internal exile on the charge of "malicious hooliganism." Her crime: hanging a "KGB, Give Me a Visa to Israel" banner outside her Moscow apartment. Her exile followed seven years of harassment and interrogations.

The only female among the 60 male criminals in her exile hostel, she slept with an axe under her bed for protection and acquired a guard dog for further security. Released from exile in 1982, she returned to Moscow, where government officials warned her not to reapply for an exit visa or associate with other Refuseniks. She ignored the request. Her sister, Elana Fridman, lives in Israel.

• **Iosif Begun**—Begun, who taught himself Hebrew and later became a Hebrew teacher in Jewish underground schools, was tried and convicted three times — two years of internal exile for "parasitism," another three years for violating "internal passport laws," and a 1983 conviction for spreading "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda." The last trial brought a sentence of seven years in prison and five of internal exile.

A radio engineer and mathematician, he was dismissed from his job as senior research assistant at the Moscow Central Research Institute after applying for an exit visa in 1971. Portrayed as a traitorous foreign agent in a 1977 Soviet film, he sued for defamation of character. He has conducted several lengthy hunger strikes in prison, and reportedly suffers from coronary heart disease and arteriosclerosis.

• **Vladimir Slepak**—A radio engineer by profession, Slepak now works as a watchman. He quit his job as head of a laboratory in the Moscow Scientific Institute of Television Research in 1969, a year before he, his wife Maria and their sons applied for exit visas. Their request was denied, nevertheless, on grounds of Vladimir's "classified" work.

Part of the first group of Jewish activists to address appeals to the United Nations, his home was repeatedly raided, books and personal letters were confiscated, every member of his family was beaten by the KGB. Sentenced to five years of internal exile in 1978 for displaying a banner from his apartment, he was voluntarily joined by his wife in a small Siberian village near the Chinese-Siberian borders.

• **Leonid Volvovsky**—Sentenced to three years in a labor camp in 1985 for "defamation of Soviet state and social system," Volvovsky clandestinely taught the Hebrew language and Jewish religion since the early 1970s. A graduate of the Gorky Polytechnical Institute, he worked as a senior research fellow in the oil and gas industry until he lost his job in 1974, following his application for an exit visa.

The first application was denied because of "secrecy." Subsequent applications also have been denied. At his 1985 trial, Volvovsky refused to have a court-appointed attorney and announced he would speak only in Hebrew for the duration of the trial. He refuses to eat non-kosher food in his labor camp without permission from the chief rabbi of Israel.

• **Iosif Berenshtein**—Berenshtein's desire to live in Israel has cost him his job and most of his eyesight. After applying for exit visas in 1979, Iosif, a design engineer, along with his wife Fania (also an engineer) and their daughter Yanna, a teacher, lost their jobs. He was arrested twice for 15 days and threatened with a seven year prison sentence.

Sentenced to four years in a labor camp in 1984, he was placed in a prison cell with two hardened criminals who attacked him with pieces of broken glass. Nearly blinded in both eyes, a diabetic, Berenshtein was refused medical treatment. He works as a carpenter in the camp, which is hazardous to his remaining sight.

— The Jewish Week, New York

Ida Nudel heads list

Cotler will press for release of 6

By
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MONTREAL — With the release of Anatoly Scharansky, his legal counsel Irwin Cotler will press the Soviet Union to free the other six Soviet dissidents for whom he acts as attorney.

They are Jewish activists Ida Nudel, Josef Begun, Victor Brailovsky and Vladimir Slepak, as well as exiled Nobel Prize winning scientist Andrei Sakharov and Ukrainian Alexei Murzhenko, the only participant in the 1970 Leningrad plane hijacking incident still in prison.

At a press conference held at the McGill University law faculty, Cotler said he will be working harder than ever to keep the issue of human rights violations in the Soviet Union in the public eye.

"We have to ensure that those left behind in the Soviet Union are not forgotten," said Cotler, a McGill law professor, who has had power of attorney for Scharansky since his arrest in 1977.

He put particular emphasis on the "tragic" case of Nudel who is in exile in Moldavia. Now 56, Nudel first applied to emigrate in 1971. She became known as the Angel of Mercy for her ministrations to fellow Refuseniks. In 1978, she was arrested for "malicious hooliganism" after she hung a banner from her balcony demanding "KGB Give Me My Visa."

Cotler said Nudel has only one surviving relative, a sister Ilana Friedman in Israel, with whom she wants to be reunited. He said Soviet policy — as told to Cotler himself by the Soviet justice minister during their meeting in November in Geneva — would permit the emigration of Nudel to Israel.

The two main reasons for issuing a visa are reunification of family and as a humanitarian gesture, and Nudel falls into both categories, according to Cotler.

Cotler said he has written External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and Employment and Immigration Minister Flora MacDonald, who took a special interest in Nudel's case when she held the external affairs portfolio in 1979 in the Clark government.

He said Canada has "not only a role, but a responsibility" to make representations to the Soviet Union because of human rights violations. "There is a specific Canadian responsibility arising from the Helsinki Final Act. For it was Canada — to its credit — which was specifically responsible for having included in the Helsinki Final Act human rights principles relating to freedom of movement, reunification of families, and freedom of ideas — in a word, the right to know and act upon one's rights."

Cotler also called upon the Canadian government to use its good offices to seek Sakharov's release from exile in Gorky in order that he may return to Moscow to continue his scientific work.

The McGill professor has, in addition, taken up the cause of Nelson Mandela, the imprisoned South African black leader. He described Mandela as a "metaphor for human rights," without whose release there can be no "meaningful dismantling of the apartheid system."

South Africa and the Soviet Union were engaged in negotiations for four years in which, among other conditions, South Africa offered to free Mandela if the Soviets would release Scharansky, said Cotler, who met South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha in 1982.

Cotler said he is not acting on behalf of Mandela in the capacity of legal counsel, but has been given the go-ahead by Mandela's lawyers to do what he can to publicize his plight.

According to Cotler, the Soviets refused to make any deal that would assist South Africa in this "public relations" ploy. When South African President P.W. Botha offered the exchange of Mandela for Scharansky and Sakharov he was aware that Scharansky's release was imminent and was merely "buying into an East-West negotiated release to give the appearance that South Africa helped facilitate it."

On the subject of Scharansky, Cotler said it is hoped he and his wife Avital will accept an invitation to visit Canada in May. Canadian Jewish Congress has asked him to attend its Plenary Assembly in Toronto, and the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University would like to see Scharansky come to its dinner in honor of Cotler in Montreal, also taking place that month.

However, Cotler, who was in Israel for Scharansky's arrival, said the couple will not make a decision on tours abroad until after the 3-week vacation they are taking.

He did confirm that Scharansky has been inundated with offers representing a "significant amount of money" for the book, film and made for television movie rights to his story.

What has struck Cotler about Scharansky is that he has lost little of his spunk and idealism after nine years of confinement. "He has tremendous charisma," said Cotler, who just days before Scharansky crossed the Glienicke Bridge from East to West Germany still had doubts that he would finally be released. "Scharansky's release had been tied in with East-West negotiations seven times before and has fallen through."

Cotler is confident Scharansky will continue to be in the forefront of the movement for respect of human rights and Jewish emigration as he was from inside the Soviet Union.

Scharansky has "incredible intellectual power, moral fortitude and a wonderful sense of humor," said Cotler, who was also heartened to find Scharansky in better physical condition than he had feared.

Cotler said Scharansky started to study Arabic in prison because he expected he would be talking to his Arab neighbors once he reached Israel, which may be an indication the former Refusenik will be in the news for a long time to come.

Scharanskys feel same as before

NEW YORK (JTA) — Avital and Anatoly Scharansky say they do not feel any different about each other now than they did 12 years ago before their separation. This is the core of what the couple divulged in an interview on ABC-TV's Good Morning, America.

"I must disappoint you," Anatoly Scharansky responded to host David Hartman's opening question about their personal rapport, a subject which has intrigued people both in Israel and abroad since the two were reunited last week after their 12-year separation the day after their wedding in Moscow.

The couple exchanged affectionate looks frequently during the interview from Israel, which appeared to override the apparent differences in outward garb.

Avital Scharansky wore a head covering in accordance with Orthodox interpretation of Jewish law, while her husband was as bare-headed as the first day he stepped off the plane in Israel.

When asked by Hartman how her husband's account of his prison ordeal tallied with what she had known through her contacts, she said she "was amazed" by his ability to overcome the difficult conditions he had lived through.

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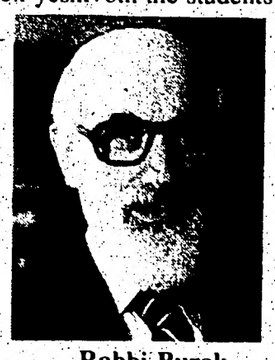
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: "Ultra-Orthodoxy in Israel: Does it deserve our Tzedakah?" Sally Zerker, CJC Viewpoints supplement, Feb. 13.

Prof. Zerker answers with a loud no. She knows that in the ultra-Orthodox yeshivoth the students "receive a handsome monthly allowance for their own maintenance." They marry early and the wife works like a horse to bring in a little money. And for that reason, they shouldn't be given any help by us. That's her opinion.



Rabbi Burak

Does it make sense? Why has she no pity for the young kolel wife with the seven small children in a crowded little apartment in Israel?

Her specialty is economic history. This does not qualify her to write on an ethical issue beyond her ken. That great master of ethics and musar, Rabbi Yisrael Salanter z.l. used to say: "Not everything should be thought. Not everything that one thinks should be written. Not everything that is written should be printed."

Does the Jewish community need to be told not to give? Our sages taught that everyone who stretches out his hand must be given something. No one is to be denied help. There is to be no means test for one who asks for bread. So important are these concepts that Rabbi Abbahu taught in the name of Rabbi Elazar (in the Jerusalem Talmud, Pe'ah, Chapter 8:8, 37B:) "We must show charity even to the deceivers. . . ."

Our Torah scholars lived by these principles. The late Gaon and Tzadik, Rabbi Yoel Teitelbaum z.t.l. of Satmar was supposed to hate all who didn't share his religious outlook. But what a generous man he was to all of them. One day a man showing great distress walked into his office. The man had no beard, no earlocks, not even the black hat in vogue in chassidic circles. He had nothing to endear him to the Satmar Rebbe.

He was a man who had been pushed out of his job. He had been a clergyman in one of those divisions of Judaism so roundly detested by Satmar. There were thousands of dollars on the rebbe's table, gifts from grateful chassidim.

When the strange outsider left, the gabbaim came in and noticed that the pile of money was gone. The Rebbe had given it all to that heretic who had been pushed into the cold by his loving, kissing, congregation.

You may hate a man's ideas. You may not hate the man. You fight the ideas, but not the man. That's the Torah way in a sidra, recently read in the synagogues on the Sabbath. But, perhaps Prof. Zerker attends a house of worship where the whole sidra isn't read on Saturday, so she is not aware of the passage.

In Exodus, Chapter 23:4-5, we are given these instructions: "If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying (collapsed) under its burden, thou shalt forbear to pass him; thou shalt surely release it with him." That's the lesson we need to be taught.

Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz z.l., heads his commentary on this passage, Love of Enemy. He says: "the partisan statement in the New Testament, 'ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy' that statement is absolutely baseless." But, I am afraid that Prof. Zerker and some unhappy local clergy are trying to promote this idea in our community.

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It's not enough. I have seen poor Torah-loving families in Israel, ill-fed and ill-shod. You, too, should send them something.

Others not eligible, court rules

Catholic school funding upheld

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Ontario Court of Appeal last week ruled provincial legislation to extend funding to grades 11-13 of the Roman Catholic school system is constitutionally valid but is not applicable to other private (including Jewish) schools.

In a 3-2 decision, the majority of the court ruled the purpose of extending funding "has to be seen as an attempt to redress a historical grievance in Ontario," and was applicable only to Catholic schools.

The court rejected submissions advanced by Canadian Jewish Congress and other groups which argued equality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms require that public funding be extended to the schools of other religious groups if the Catholic schools receive funding to grade 13.

In reviewing the historical basis for the preferential treatment afforded Catholic schools in Ontario, the court noted "these educational rights, granted specifically to the Protestants in Quebec and the Roman Catholics in Ontario, make it impossible to treat all Canadians equally.

"The country was founded upon the recognition of special or unequal educational rights for specific religious groups in Ontario and Quebec.

"The incorporation of the Charter into the Constitution Act, 1982, does not change the original Confederation bargain," the 3-man majority of Justices Peter Cory, Walter Tarnopolsky and Thomas Zuber, stated.

The three justices added that Section 29 of the Charter, which protects constitutional rights to separate schools, allows for further government financing of Catholic high schools.

Once financed, they would be protected under the Constitution from the equality sections of the Charter, as is the case with elementary school funding.

Murray Segal, chairman of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, a CJC committee, declined to comment on the decision. He said in an interview OJAEE is studying the decision with its lawyer and any recommendation of the association arising out of the ruling would be presented for consideration to the officers of Ontario Region of CJC.

In its submission to the court, CJC stated "Congress believes that government financing for denominational schools should not continue to be limited to the Catholic schools alone. The reality of Canadian society has changed.

"In 1871, there were but 518 Jews in all of Ontario. By 1981, that figure had grown to 148,255. There are now a multitude of ethnic communities in Ontario, whereas at the time of Confederation these were virtually non-existent. Canada is increasingly a multicultural and multiracial society."

Congress asked the court to rule Catholic separate schools are entitled under the Constitution to government funding until the completion of high school and that the Charter requires similar treatment for other religiously based denominational schools.

Alternatively, Congress stated, if Catholic schools are not entitled under the Constitution to full funding, then Bill 30, which would give only Catholic schools government funds, contravenes the equality provision of the Charter, as well as the section stating the Charter shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with Canadian multiculturalism.

In a lengthy dissent, Chief Justice William Howland and Justice Sydney Robins stated "if the Charter's right to equality without discrimination on religious grounds is to mean anything, it must mean at least that the followers of one religion are not to be the subjects of greater burdens or the beneficiaries of greater benefits imposed or provided by law than the followers of other religions."

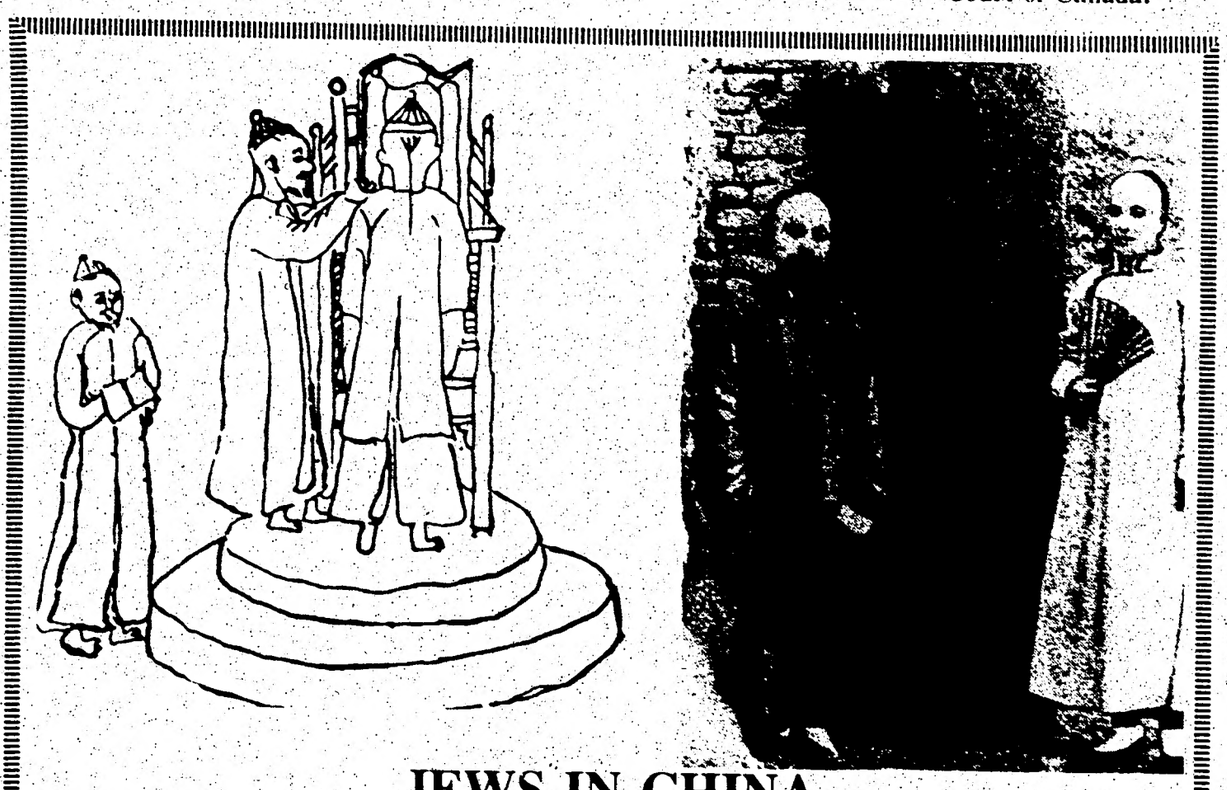
Reviewing the language of Bill 30, the dissenting justices noted "the bill makes no provision whereby those of other religious persuasions would become entitled to any form of public support for schools in which their respective religions play a similarly important role, and no government policy in this respect has yet been formulated.

"Instead, all non-Roman Catholic parents who wish to educate their children outside the public school system and in schools of their respective denominations, would remain obliged to pay both public school taxes and private school tuition."

In its brief to the court, CJC noted "in 1984-84, the total expenditure for the operation of all (20) Jewish day schools in Ontario was approximately $23.5 million." Tuition fees covered two-thirds of the costs, with the remainder coming from the organized Jewish community. Altogether, 8,204 students attended Jewish day schools in Ontario during the 1984-85 school year.

In a press conference held shortly after the decision, Education Minister Sean Conway and Attorney-General Ian Scott said the Liberal government hopes to pass Bill 30, which was introduced last summer, before the new school year begins in September.

Shortly after the court ruling, the Metropolitan Toronto School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation announced they will appeal the decision to the Supreme Court of Canada.



JEWS IN CHINA

New York's Jewish Museum presents The Jews of Kaifeng: Chinese Jews on the Banks of the Yellow River, a look at an exotic community that was able to maintain its Jewish identity for 1,000 years despite its long separation from the rest of world Jewry and its partial assimilation of Chinese culture. At left, an 18th century drawing of a Kaifeng Jew reading the Torah, which is place on the seat of Moses. At right, two Chinese Jews stand beside a memorial stone from the Kaifeng synagogue embedded in a house wall. [Religious News Service photo]

BB appeals secrecy ruling

TORONTO —

The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada last week launched an appeal of a Federal Court decision that allows the Deschenes Commission to keep secret legal opinions on options for dealing with Nazi war criminals (CJN Feb. 20).

David Matas, lawyer for the League, told The CJN the League launched the appeal because "there's a history of difficulty in rebutting arguments contrary to our position."

Matas pointed to a secret government memorandum prepared in 1980 by Martin Low, chairman of an interdepartmental committee, that led to government inaction because of its conclusion nothing could be done to bring war criminals living in Canada to justice.

The League has maintained there are a number of options available for dealing with war criminals.

"We want the opportunity to contradict contrary arguments in the forum in which they appear," Matas said.

The eight secret reports were prepared by law professors and practitioners at the request of commission chairman Jules Deschenes on the "legal problems associated with the commission mandate."

Deschenes has refused to divulge the reports, saying he is already familiar with the League's position on Nazi war criminals.

Ancient warship found in Sea of Galilee mud

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The well-preserved wreck of a wooden ship that sank about 2,000 years ago in the Sea of Galilee has been discovered in a muddy area near the ancient town of Migdal by two brothers from nearby Kibbutz Ginosar.

Although the wreckage has not been removed from the mud and examined thoroughly by archeologists because of lack of funds, historians have theorized that the 26-foot-long vessel was probably part of the fleet of Roman-style warships used by the Zealots in a sea battle during the Jewish rebellion against the Romans of 65-70 CE.

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Expert urges concerted international action

Worst year ever predicted for terror incidents

PALM BEACH, Fla. — An expert on international terrorism said recently that 1985 was the "bloodiest ever" as the result of terrorist incidents around the world, and warned that 1986 "will be even worse."

Professor Yonah Alexander, director of the Institute for Studies in International Terrorism at the State University of New York, told a meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith here that state-sponsored terrorism was one of the key factors in incidents of death and destruction such as the hijacking of the TWA airliner and the cruise ship Achille Lauro.

Libya, alone, he told Jewish community leaders gathered at the League's national executive committee meeting, is contributing an estimated $100 million a year to support terrorism.

Alexander and Federal Bureau of Investigation official Steven L. Pomerantz spoke at a panel session on international and domestic terrorism.

Pomerantz said that the U.S. government has assigned the "highest priority" to fighting terrorism in this country whether from the far right or far left.

In describing the pattern of international terrorism last year, Alexander disclosed these statistics: from January to September, 1985, there were at least 2,265 terrorist incidents worldwide, resulting in 4,906 deaths and the wounding of approximately 3,000 persons.

He called for strong and concerted measures by the United States, in conjunction with other governments, to fight international terrorism. He said terrorism must be combatted on a variety of fronts, including diplomatic, economic and — if necessary — military. He deplored what he called the failure of many governments to deal with terrorism by clearly labeling it as a "criminal act."

In addition to the upsurge in state sponsorship of terrorism from such nations as Libya, Iran and Syria, Alexander cited the growth of random terrorism, the emergence of new terrorist groups, the rise of religious fanaticism, the forging of terrorist links with criminal groups such as international drug rings and the strengthening of international terrorist networks.

Alexander, nevertheless, went on to speak of the "good news" in fighting terrorism. Among the positive signs, he noted greater international cooperation against terrorists, such as French and Spanish joint efforts against Basque terrorists, the improvement in international intelligence gathering and sharing, and the fact that the United Nations has recently passed two resolutions condemning terrorism.

But, he warned that further, concrete steps must be taken to combat terrorism — such as "pre-emptive military strikes" and other punitive actions against nations that encourage and direct terrorism and the closing down of offices of the PLO in Washington and other cities abroad.

Otherwise, he said, "the world will remain an important hostage to terrorist blackmailers throughout the 1980's.

In his report on the domestic terrorist threat, Pomerantz, of the FBI's Criminal Investigation Division in New York, told the ADL panel that thus far international terrorists, sponsored by the PLO or Libya, have not yet attacked Americans in the United States. "But there is the threat of this happening anytime — even tomorrow. We treat such a threat with great concern," he said.

Anti-semitic slurs prompting concern

BONN (JTA) —

Recent anti-semitic remarks by West German political figures drew expressions of grave concern at a ceremony in Stuttgart last week where Werner Nachman, chairman of West Germany's Jewish community, was presented with the Theodor Heusse Prize for his "contribution to the process of reconciliation between German and Jews."

Hildegard Hamm-Bruecher, chairperson of the Theodor Huess Foundation, which presented the award, observed that "the hidden or open identification with recent anti-semitic utterances has certainly not been just by accident."

She was referring to the slur by Hermann Felner, a ranking member of the Christian Social Union (CSU) Bundestag faction, that surviving Jewish slave laborers of the Nazi era who seek reparations create the impression that "Jews are quick to show up when money jingles in German cash boxes."

Outrage over Felner's remark was still running high when it was disclosed that Mayor Hilderich Von Mierbach of Korschenbroich, a member of the ruling Christian Democratic Union (CDU), had suggested to his town council's budget committee that "a few rich Jews should be slain" in order to balance the budget.

Annemarie Renger, vice president of the Bundestag, said at the award ceremony that Germans, regardless of whether they are of the wartime or postwar generation, cannot shrug off responsibility for the crimes against the Jews. She expressed dismay at the political climate which tolerates anti-semitic statements by public officials.

Another speaker, Martin Stoehr, a Protestant clergyman, said a new beginning in relations between Christians and Jews is impossible without rooting out what he called the racial "poisoning" of church and theology. He urged a public campaign against anti-semitism in all walks of life.

Nachmann, in accepting the award, said Jews are deeply disappointed with what has been said or written lately.

Mayor resigns under criticism

BONN (JTA) —

The mayor of a West German town who suggested that "a few rich Jews should be slain" in order to balance the budget has resigned under a barrage of criticism.

Wilderich Von Mierbach of Korschenbroich, a town of 27,000 in North Rhine-Westphalia, said he was quitting to avoid further damage to West Germany's image abroad and to the process of German-Jewish reconciliation.

Von Mierbach made the anti-semitic remark at a meeting of the town council's budget committee last December. The local newspaper, owned by a member of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), the mayor's party, supported it but it came to general media attention last month and triggered outrage.

Von Mierbach offered an apology. But the Jewish community in nearby Dusseldorf filed a law suit, and calls for his resignation came from non-Jewish as well as Jewish quarters.

Last week the mayor said he'd had enough and could no longer take the media pressure. Word from headquarters of the CDU in Bonn that he could no longer rely on its support apparently prompted his decision to leave office.

Soviet oleh chides material concerns

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Eliahu Essas, the Soviet Jewish aliya activist who became an Orthodox Jew while still in the USSR, spoke critically recently of the way Russian Jews have been absorbed in Israel.

According to the 40-year-old Essas, who headed a religious revivalist movement in the Soviet Union, too much stress has been placed on material benefits and not enough on the "spiritual" needs of the immigrants. He claimed this contributed to the high dropout rate among Soviet olim.

Essas arrived in Israel on Jan. 22 with his family. Last week, Premier Shimon Peres asked him to draft proposals for improving the absorption process for immigrants from the Soviet Union. He disclosed his assignment at a meeting with the two Chief Rabbis, Avraham Shapiro and Mordechai Eliahu, and the chief rabbinate council.

"If coming to Israel is only about apartments and cars and not about aliya, going up to the Holy Land, then it is no wonder that the dropout rate has reached 80% or more," said Essas whose following in Russia has been likened to chassidic sects.

Refusenik brothers permitted to leave

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) confirmed that Isai and Grigory Goldstein, of Tbilisi, have been given permission to leave the Soviet Union. They are expected to go to Israel.

The Goldsteins, both of whom are physicists, have been Refuseniks since 1971. Over the years, they were periodically harassed and questioned by the KGB.

Grigory, the older of the two brothers, was arrested for "parasitism" in 1978 and sentenced to one year in a labor camp. Although fired from their jobs, they have been working as television repairmen, and in other related technical jobs.

Recently, the brothers, together with Isai's family, which includes his wife Elizvega, their son Avi, his mother-in-law, and their mother, were on a list of 19 Jews in 5 families released by Senator Ted Kennedy. Following a visit to Moscow, the senator announced that they would be permitted to leave the Soviet Union.

According to the NCSJ, which worked closely with Senator Kennedy's office, the Goldstein families were the most prominent Jewish activists and Refuseniks on the Kennedy list.

The gesture to allow them to leave was well received and considered important, since the Goldsteins were among the creators of the present-day repatriation movement among Soviet Jews.

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Despite airing of anti-semitic views

Zundel trial worth emotional cost, says prof

By
SERGE TITTLEY

TORONTO —

The Zundel trial, with all its attendant publicity for a notorious anti-semite's views, was worth the emotional cost paid by the Jewish community, says Carleton University political scientist Conrad Winn.

Winn told the audience at Shaar Shalom Synagogue recently that his study, Hate on Trial: The Zundel Affair, the Media, and Public Opinion in Canada, clearly shows that Canadians overwhelmingly developed a clearer understanding of the Holocaust, resulting in increased sympathy for Jews.

Hate on Trial was written in collaboration with Haifa University sociologist Gabriel Weinmann, who teamed up with Winn at Carleton for the project. The book is a detailed analysis of the social reaction to the 7-month long hate literature trial of Ernst Zundel last year in Toronto.

The book examines the work of journalists, educators, politicians, and other opinion-shapers in response to issues raised at the trial which featured a presentation of a "revisionist" view of the murder of European Jewry countered by the testimony of Holocaust survivors.

Zundel's boast that the trial garnered him "$1 million in free publicity" in fact turned out to be way off mark, Winn stated, "It gave him $1 million worth of notoriety," he said, quoting Allan Shefman, national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith.

The fear of many Jews and their friends that a trial would give unwarranted exposure to anti-semitic views and might result in increased anti-Jewish feeling proved groundless, according to the study.

Instead, Winn explained, the data shows that one half of all Canadians knew something about the trial, and that fully 37% of these said it had changed their feelings towards Jews. "Almost all said they had become more sympathetic toward Jews as a result," Winn said, emphasizing that such a figure, in statistical terms, suggests a strong pro-Jewish stance generally in the larger society.

Among the general conclusions the work draws, Winn said, is that "as long as the hatemonger (on trial) is convicted" this sort of event can have a beneficial educational effect on the larger community.

One interesting fact revealed by the survey of 1,100 persons was that many Canadians thought their neighbors were becoming more racist or bigoted, while in fact the level of bigotry remains low. Winn suggested this finding could be of some concern.

He said those with liberal opinions may feel cowed into silence because they believe, erroneously, that the majority of people are bigoted. That situation could allow fringe groups that preach hatred to make society believe they have more support that they in fact do.

Winn also said that despite the bitter criticism leveled at some media for the quality of their stories on the trial, the vast majority of reporters were clearly sympathetic to the Jewish community.

"They (reporters) thought that Zundel was such a dangerous man that Canadian society ought to know just how dangerous he is," Winn said. He also pointed out the media "were in a box" when it came to reporting the unfolding trial.

The law places stringent requirements and limits on how a trial may be reported, so that the rights of all parties can be respected, the political scientist explained. Reporters could only report what was said in the courtroom, without offering their audience anything that could "balance" the picture since that could be viewed as tampering with the rights of the accused.

Winn did point out one possible worrying conclusion from his study. While people in their 40s gave "historically correct and humanely decent answers" when asked about the Holocaust, a very high percentage of under-30 respondents "did not know" or "could not say" who was responsible for the Holocaust.

That could be disguised prejudice or sheer ignorance, Winn said. In either case, he added, it is worth considering and reflecting on how opinions and beliefs continue to be shaped by the media and what that means for the future.

Hate on Trial: The Zundel Affair, The Media and Public Opinion in Canada, is published by Mosaic Press, 1252 Speers Rd., Unit 10, Oakville, Ont., L6L 5N9. The book will sell in both paperback and hardback editions and should be available in bookstores in a couple of weeks.

Jeanne Sauve sounds warning

Growth of right-wing groups cited

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

There is a new resurgence in Canada of extreme right-wing groups preaching "the politics of intolerance," Governor-General Jeanne Sauve warned here recently.

In accepting the 1986 Human Relations Award at the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews 39th annual awards banquet, Sauve warned of a growing and "insidious" tide of extremist politics in Canada.

"Secular and religious intolerance...exist in subtle ways. It's a volatile and potent weapon," said Sauve, the first Governor-General to receive the CCCJ award while in office.

She said the trend toward racism is "cause enough to justify such a formidable and opposing lobby" as the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

"Complacency carries an awesome price," she told the 800 guests at the Sheraton Hotel. "Civil unrest" may occur if racism is not stemmed, she added.

Sauve joined three other prominent Canadians in accepting the council's Human Relations Award.

Real estate developer Joseph J. Barnicke, broadcasting executive Douglas Bassett and Dr. A.A. "Bucky" Epstein also received the award, which recognizes outstanding community and humanitarian service among Christians and Jews.

Barnicke, 62, is a former Ontario and national campaign chairman of the Canadian Cancer Society and a past corporate chairman of Share Life. He was presented his award by former Ontario Premier William Davis.

Seen at the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews 1986 annual awards banquet are (from left) Victor Goldbloom, Dr. Gerhart Riegner, Governor-General Jeanne Sauve, Dr. A.A. (Bucky) Epstein, Douglas Bassett and Joseph J. Barnicke. [Graphic Artists photo]

Shoppers Drug Mart chairman Murray Koffler presented the award to Bassett, 45, who is involved in the CCCJ, the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute, the National Ballet of Canada and the Hospital for Sick Children, among others.

Epstein, a Toronto radiologist and the only Jewish honoree, received his award from Bank of Nova Scotia chairman Cedric Ritchie. Epstein has a long history of involvement in the Canadian Friends of Haifa University, Holy Blossom Temple, Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Canada and has been chairman of the United Jewish Welfare Board and the United Jewish Appeal, which has honored him as Man of the Year. He also serves on the board of the United Way.

A special citation, the Nicholas and Hedy Munk International Brotherhood Award, was presented by CCCJ chairman Victor Goldbloom to Dr. Gerhart Riegner, the retired General-Secretary of the World Jewish Congress who now lives in Geneva.

In his speech, Riegner warned that the rise of religious fundamentalism and "fanaticism" around the world are threatening to undo years of harmony between Christians and Jews.

He said "great strides" in relations between the two religions have been made in the last 50 years but warned that the new fundamentalism will "slow down the process."

In 1942, Riegner was one of the first people to warn the world of the realities of the Holocaust, Goldbloom noted.

The banquet was also attended by Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton; Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn; Ontario cabinet minister Elinor Caplan; businessman Ray Wolfe; Rabbi Gunther Plaut and Canadian Jewish Congress president Milton Harris.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origin over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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EPSTEIN — LIFSCHITZ

In the hostage takings by the Shiites in Lebanon from the hijacking of a TWA plane from Athens, the terrorists were reported to have segregated a group of Americans who bore "distinctively" Jewish surnames. One of the men so segregated was a Kaufman, who turned out to be a Roman Catholic. It underscores the fallacy of ascribing Jewishness to a name whose origins were German rather than Jewish.

Examples of such names which we accept as being uniquely Jewish are Epstein and Lifshitz. In fact, both are place names in Germany in which Jews once lived.

Eppstein — is a town in West Germany near Frankfort.

Liebschuetz — is an East German town between Wiessbaden and Koenigstadt.

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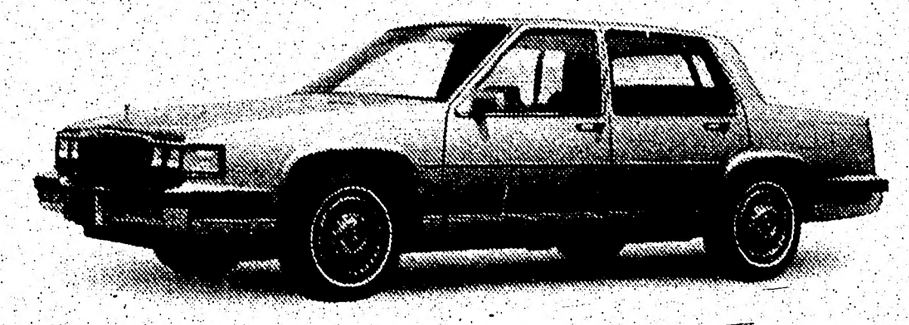


DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Venerated wonderworker Honi ha-Me'aggel ("the circlemaker") brought rain on Adar 20 — March 1 this year — in a year of drought during the turbulent Hasmonean decline. His feats are still celebrated in modern Israel.

This land, more than any other in the Middle East, has always been dependent on rainfall for its agriculture and hence physical existence. Judaism's main prayers include petitions for rain and dew. The Shema acknowledges a direct connection between doing what is right and the granting of the yoreh and malkosh, the fall and spring showers that frame the rainy season.

In a world of moral cause and effect, a shortage of rain is traditionally regarded as a sign of Divine offence. Then and now, extra prayers, psalms and fasts are resorted to by the observant to demonstrate communal remorse and plead for forgiveness.

The last in a long line of prophet figures, Honi wandered the countryside in the century before the destruction of the Second Temple. Illiterate peasants flocked to him for prayers and amulets against poor crops, barren wives, and sick cattle. His popularity among the common people exceeded their regard for the Jerusalem-based religious authorities. The priesthood was dominated by the ritualistic Sadduccees, an aristocracy that placed the primacy of the Temple sacrifices above all spritual concerns and conspired with the government — the Hasmonean kings — against the Pharisees.

The latter, a movement of scribes and teachers, sought to redress the mass illiteracy, social conflicts, and political unrest of the times. These problems festered from before the time Judas Maccabeus routed the Syrians and established the Hasmonean dynasty. Honi remained an unaligned individual, largely ignored or dismissed by both sides.

Honi's ministrations coincided with the rule of Shlomzion ha-Malka. She was the widow of the despotic king Alexander Yannai, whose lifelong persecution of the Pharisees nearly plunged the country into civil war. In her decade as queen, she attempted to heal the rift (according to her husband's deathbed wish, say some sources), allowing the Pharisees much more influence.

A period of drought tended to confirm widespread concern that the hostility between factionalized Jews was incurring God's displeasure. Contributing to this impression was the fact that neither Temple ritual nor Pharisaic prayer was proving effective in bringing rain. The season was almost over and the country was dry as bone. The masses streamed to Honi.

According to the Talmud, Honi's first prayer brought no result. He then drew a circle and stepped inside it, as did the prophet Habakkuk in a special plea. "Lord of the Universe," Honi was quoted as saying, "your children have set their face upon me because they consider me a son in Your house. I swear by Your great name that I will not move from here until You show them mercy."

A bit of rain began to trickle. Neither his followers nor Honi were satisfied. "Not for such rain did I pray," he said, "but for rain to fill cisterns, ditches and caves."

Rain began to flood from the sky in torrents, alarming everyone. Honi objected, demanding a rain of "benevolence, blessing and grace." The rain proceeded to fall in proper measure.

Pharisee leader Shimon Ben Shetah, president of the Sanhedrin (supreme court), dispatched a message of congratulations.

At Shlomzion's death, her sons Aristobulus and Hyracanus broke out into open warfare for the throne. Hyrcanus attempted to force Honi to curse Aristobulus, whom he was besieging in Jerusalem. Honi refused, saying that both the attackers and defenders belonged to God. Honi was promptly killed. The fratricidal fighting continued. The brothers called upon the Romans to intervene. They did, by marching in, storming the Temple, and occupying the country.

Joint Community Relations Committee

CJC body battles anti-semitism

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

When Crown Attorney Bruce Fraser began his cross-examination of Jim Keegstra last June, some of the historical and documentary information on which he relied to formulate his questions was provided by the largest and one of the oldest of the committees of Canadian Jewish Congress.

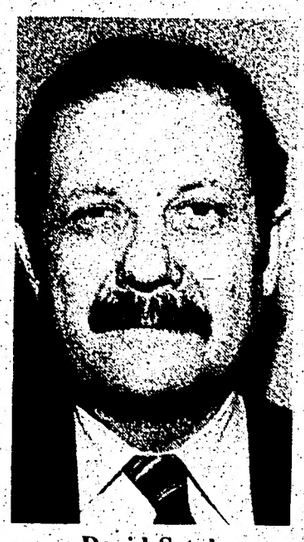
The Joint Community Relations Committee of Congress worked closely with the prosecution in the Keegstra case (as did a representative of B'nai B'rith), analyzing the masses of material submitted by the former Eckville teacher, making available possible expert witnesses and lending whatever assistance was asked of it.

That assistance followed on the heels of a similar effort by the JCRC, Ontario Region, which assisted the prosecutor in the Zundel trial in Toronto.

The Zundel and Keegstra trials were the major issues tackled by the committees during the last three years, say David Satok and Rose Wolfe, chairpeople, respectively, of the national and Ontario JCRCs.

While not initiating prosecution in either case, the JCRCs stepped in to lend their assistance, pursuant to their mandate of "guaranteeing the security of the Jewish community in Canada" and "maintaining and advancing its status and rights."

During the past three years, since the last Plenary Assembly of Congress, the national JCRC has engaged in a variety of activities, says Satok. The committee monitors and investigates hate groups and hate propaganda both in Canada and internationally and has recently been focusing on a new form of dissemination of hate material — through computer systems.



David Satok

The national JCRC has worked in conjunction with the national office of CJC, assisting it in management of Congress' Deschenes Commission dossier, he says. It has also played an advisory and backup role in helping formulate policy on which Congress' political liaison committees can rely in discussions with political leaders.

And the Joint Community Relations Committee is Congress' link to other cultural communities in Canada, as well as to labor, religious and other groups, notes Satok.

Turning to specifics, he notes the committee has been, in conjunction with the national office, in contact with leaders and "moderates" in the Ukrainian-Canadian community.

Similarly, states a 3-year program report of JCRC, "contacts with the German Canadian community are being pursued through inter-action with the recently founded German-Canadian Congress as well as with German-Canadian academics interested in the Holocaust and Holocaust education."

During the past three years, committee members attended a conference in Toronto honoring a Ukrainian religious leader from Galicia who saved Jewish lives during the Holocaust, notes Manuel Prutschi, national director of JCRC.

Prutschi, who monitored both the Zundel and Keegstra trials for Congress, told The CJN a JCRC concern is that the Deschenes investigation into war criminals in Canada "not divide" the Jewish and Ukrainian communities. "We have to live together" in a multicultural Canada, he states.

One example of that concern for a multicultural society was the intervention by JCRC, in conjunction with the law and social action committee, in two legal cases dealing with employment discrimination.

Satok notes that the Supreme Court of Canada in January, 1985, rendered a judgment in accord with the position of Congress, which Prutschi described as ruling against "systemic discrimination." The result is that even if the intention of a regulation is not discriminatory, it can't incidentally discriminate, he says.

Prutschi adds that the committee is engaged in ongoing negotiations with the Canadian Library Association regarding the reclassification and access of materials which are anti-semitic, and those denying the Holocaust.

As the largest of the Congress committees, JCRC merits the largest budget, says Satok, though he declined to divulge any details.

The national JCRC meets two or three times each year, usually in Toronto and Montreal, but also in Winnipeg, to illustrate its national scope.

Approximately 15-20 lay representatives attend these meetings, along with Congress professionals, to discuss regional concerns, exchange information and develop a national response. The Keegstra case is an illustration of national-regional cooperation, Satok indicates.

Approximately 200 people across the country are regular committee members, says Satok, with regional committees formed by local Congress offices in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and elsewhere.

Each regional JCRC has a chairperson, he adds: Hedda Medjuck, Halifax; Irwin Lampert, Moncton, NB; Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Quebec; Rose Wolfe, Ontario; Israel Ludwig, Manitoba; Sheldon Maerov, Edmonton; Prof. David Bercuson, Calgary; Danny Schmilovitch, Pacific Region and Michael Elterman, Vancouver.

Past national chairmen include Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, Judge Sidney Harris, Sid Midanik and Rabbi Abraham Feinberg.

Badinter named judiciary head

PARIS (JTA) —

Robert Badinter has been appointed president of France's Constitutional Council, one of the country's highest legal bodies, in some ways the equivalent of the Supreme Court.

He replaces Daniel Mayer, who resigned the presidency but remains a member of the council. Both Badinter and Mayer have been active in Jewish communal organizations.

Badinter, 57, who served until his resignation as minister of justice, is a former member of the executive committee of the Fond Social Juif Unifie and has served on the board of dozens of other Jewish organizations. He is married to Elizabeth Badinter, a writer and the daughter of Marcel Blaustein-Blanchet, who is a prominent French Jewish philanthropist.

As a minister, Badinter will be remembered as the man who abolished capital punishment and liberalized France's 200-year-old criminal code. A personal friend of President Francois Mitterand, he will head the nine-member council which rules on basic constitutional matters. In spite of his official functions, he has remained active in campaigning for the rights of Soviet Jews and especially for Anatoly Scharansky's liberation.

Mayer, 77, is the former president of the international executive and a former president of the League for the Rights of Man. Active in the French Anti-Nazi resistance, he was a member of several French post-war governments and also served from 1953 to 1957 as president of the National Assembly's foreign affairs commission.

Both Badinter and Mayer have often visited Israel and have shown their personal commitment to the Jewish state. Badinter's appointment is for nine years, starting March 5.

Zundel appeal set

TORONTO —

Associate Chief Justice Bert MacKinnon this week set Sept. 22 as the date court will hear the appeal of falsifier Ernst Zundel, convicted one year ago of communicating lies about the Holocaust.

In a related matter, MacKinnon reserved judgement on a motion presented by defence lawyer Doug Christie asking the Court of Appeal to rule that the terms of Zundel's bail — that he not communicate anything related to the Holocaust — were an unreasonable limit on his free speech.

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Editorial

Not the answer

We commiserate with the plight of those hardy Cape Bretoners who are now being tempted with an offer from the West German firm Thyssen to construct a weapons production facility in their area.

The Cape Breton area (and the maritime provinces in general) have been suffering for many years now from a dearth of employment opportunities.

In fact, the unemployment rate in Cape Breton region is as high as 24%, twice as high as that found in Ontario and Quebec.

It is this disparity which has prompted Cape Breton and the federal cabinet to consider seriously the Thyssen offer to open up a munitions factory — whose products will be exported to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, among other countries.

Why Thyssen should wish to use Canada as a depot for the manufacture of armored vehicles, tanks and other assorted weapons is interesting: West German law forbids the issuing of export permits to "regions of tension." Israel and the Arab states bordering her come within this regulation.

While the Thyssen offer to pump $100 million into local Cape Breton coffers is tempting, the company does not seem to be aware of Canada's custom of interdicting export licences to countries considered as enemies of Canada, those condemned by the United Nations, those which abuse human rights where military equipment might be used as tools of further repression.

It would be lamentable if Canada were to violate its own conventions by permitting German arms merchants to use Canada as a surrogate for activities which are forbidden in West Germany.

The spectacle of Germany supplying massive armaments to Arab nations, given the scenario they entertain for the use of those weapons against Israel, is bad enough. Using Canada to mask its own weapons policies is even more duplicitous.

Still and all, we understand the plight of the Cape Bretoners. It is a pity, however, that the Thyssen offer had to come in order to alert our government to the severity of the economic crisis in the Maritimes.

Perhaps the Thyssen intervention will encourage Ottawa to explore more creative and less explosive ideas for the development of a better work climate in the region.

Words aplenty

Not a few Israelis who have spent some time in North America or England have them. Also some Canadians living in Israel are acquiring their own: little lists of Hebrew words that sound suspiciously like English ones. A list can grow from two or three words to dozens, and is sometimes transferred from a crumpled piece of memo paper to a notebook for concerted attention in the future.

The words in question are not ones like televizia, otobus or filosofia, extreme examples of Hebrew words coined since the turn of the century to bring the language of the Bible into the space age. The list words were hoary veterans when English was a glimmer in Anglo-Saxon eyes. They are as old as the Bible. They include: ashem (guilty), which sounds remarkably like ashamed; eenouie (spiritual torment), like ennui, masecha (mask, with ch as in Pesach), like mask; ee (island), like isle; nakee (cleansed, spotless), like naked; gozel (young bird), like gosling; reshima (list), like resume; and schoom (total, ch as in Pesach), like sum. There are more, many more.

Etymology credits many of these words to Latin, Greek, old High German or Indo-European sources. Semitic roots are few or far between. (In his Etymological Dictionary of the English Language, Alexander Klein does trace the word mask to Middle Ages Arabic.) The English alphabet — as well as the Greek, Roman, Russian and German — are ultimately derived from the alefbet. Would it really be surprising that these languages also picked up some words from the language of the alefbet? It would be a mystery if they didn't. Mystery, by the way, is said to derive from the Greek musterion — but it sounds an awful lot like the Hebrew nister, which means hidden.

Take the Hebrew word kattan, small. Doesn't it sound like kitten? The Oxford Dictionary traces it to chaton, an Old French diminutive for cat. Cat comes from the Latin catta. Say, doesn't that sound a bit like the Hebrew word for cat, chatoul?

Syrian plan unravels

Lebanon nightmare deepens

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Lebanon's fratricidal struggle has entered a new destructive phase.

Civil war has wracked Lebanon for the past 11 years, giving that country the dubious reputation as the charnel house of the Middle East. Late last year, in the Syrian capital of Damascus, the leaders of Lebanon's predominant Christian, Druze and Shiite militias signed an agreement promising an end to hostilities.

Syria, which brokered the pact, was ecstatic. Hafez Assad, the Syrian president, declared that Lebanon "is entering a new era of peace."

Assad, reckoned to be one of the most calculating, wily politicians in the Middle East, spoke too soon. He should have realized that the Lebanese problem does not lend itself to quick fixes, a fact Israel learned after its 1982 invasion. Within days of hailing the Dec. 28 agreement that Syrian Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam had worked on for three months, Assad saw it go up in smoke.

One more Syrian peace plan, the sixth since 1975, lay in smoldering ruins this week as the death toll from the fighting it triggered climbed into the hundreds.

Its collapse means that Lebanon's national nightmare, far from being over, has deepened. The passions that precipitated the second civil war in 1975 have intensified. The barricades have been strengthened.

Long inured to bloodshed, the Lebanese are bracing themselves for further terrifying upheavals.

The Syrian plan unraveled for the same reason as all the other plans came apart: Lebanese Christian resistance to losing their privileges. Although the Christians are a minority, they wield enormous political powers hardly commensurate with their numbers. For years, they resisted suggestions that would have had the effect of giving the Moslems, particularly the Shiites and the Druze, a greater voice in the affairs of state.

In proposing reform of Lebanon's antiquated political system, the Syrians were not merely thinking in terms of rectifying what most observers consider an unjust situation. By eliminating the causes of Lebanon's strife, they had reason to believe that they could better control Lebanon and therefore bring it directly under their sphere of influence. For the past decade, but especially since Israel's 1982 military misadventure in Lebanon, Syria had been working to establish a Pax Syriana in that fragmented land.

In presenting their pacification plan to the Lebanese, the Syrians had no trouble winning the support of allies like Walid Jumblatt, the leader of the predominantly Druze Progressive Socialist Party; and Nabih Berri, the head of the Shiite Amal movement.

They also managed to recruit Elie Hobeika, the chieftain of the Maronite Christian Lebanese Forces, and Samir Geagea, his second-in-command. They backed the Syrians because they felt that their plan gave Lebanon a chance for stability.

Both men are known quantities. Hobeika reportedly led Christian forces into the Sabra and Shatila Palestinian refugee camps 3½ years ago. Last March, he and Geagea staged a revolt against the authority of Lebanese Christian President Amin Gemayel, seizing control of the Lebanese Forces from Gemayel's Phalange Party. The pair claimed that Gemayel was too pro-Syrian and did not speak forcefully enough for Christian interests.

and Geagea was appointed his successor of the Lebanese Forces, now again a creature of the Phalange.

Since these momentous days, the situation has gone from bad to worse.

Despite the victory he scored in the field, Gemayel has come under increasing pressure from Syria and its Lebanese allies to either support the Dec. 28 plan or resign. Although his palace has been shelled several times, and fighting has continued, Gemayel steadfastly refuses to step down.

The demands for his resignation grow more shrill with each passing day. Lebanon's three highest-ranking Moslem officials — Prime Minister Rashid Karami, Speaker of Parliament Hussein Husseini and Education Minister Selim Hoss — have all blamed Gemayel for its current agony. Nabih Berri has said that Gemayel no longer represents Lebanon, while Walid Jumblatt has stated that Lebanon's problems may be resolved once Gemayel "is in a coffin."

The resort to this kind of coarse language is symptomatic of the impasse

Fighting pitting Lebanese Christian forces against each other has inflamed the already tense political situation in Lebanon. Here Christian militiamen loyal to rebel Elie Hobeika fire at forces aligned with President Amin Gemayel. [Religious News Service photo]

When the Syrians asked Gemayel to join Hobeika and Geagea, Gemayel balked. Personal animosities aside, Gemayel was of the opinion that Syria's plan was unfair to the Christian community in general and in particular to the Maronite Catholics, the sect to which most Phalange leaders belong.

Gemayel stalled. He proposed amendments that would have gutted it. And he insisted that it be approved by parliament, which has a Christian majority. Christian leaders like Camille Chamoun, a former Lebanese president, and Dr. Elie Karameh, president of the Phalange Party, rallied to Gemayel's side.

By this point, violence had already flared. Assad Shaftari, the Lebanese Forces leader who had helped negotiate the Dec. 28 agreement, narrowly escaped an attempt on his life. While this gangland-like shooting was going on, a motorcade from Gemayel's palace came under fire. Each side blamed the other.

With tension still simmering, Gemayel, Syria's nominal ally, set off to Damascus for talks with Hafez Assad. The Syrians, who had a lot riding on the peace plan, failed to elicit Gemayel's support for it.

Gemayel returned to Beirut, and ordered elements of the Lebanese army loyal to him to crush Hobeika's militia. In fierce day-long battles on Jan. 15 involving tanks, armored personnel carriers and artillery, Hobeika's Lebanese Forces was defeated. A turning point came when his deputy, Samir Geagea, betrayed him and joined hands with his supposed arch enemy, Gemayel.

Hobeika fled to France, only to return nine days later via Damascus,

the Lebanese have reached. Lebanon is not only a rudderless ship. It is fast sinking beneath the waves.

Syria is clearly embarrassed and feeling somewhat powerless by the latest turn of events.

The Syrians obviously miscalculated: They overestimated Hobeika's strength and underestimated Gemayel's stubborness. Indeed, they were under the grossly mistaken impression that they had Gemayel in their pocket. But the Syrians can be forgiven for the error of their ways. They were not the only ones to hold the opinion that Gemayel was nothing but a compliant Syrian puppet. This view of Gemayel was popular in Israel and the U.S. as well.

What now? The Syrians, who dislike losing face in public, may tighten the screws on Gemayel until he relents or resigns. Alternatively, they may decide to dilute their peace plan. But if they choose this course of action, they will alienate their Moslem friends.

In short, Syria is getting a taste of Lebanon's bitter medicine.

The mess in which the Syrians find themselves stands in sharp contrast to their recent successes in the Middle East.

On the military front, Syria successfully challenged Israel by stationing anti-aircraft missiles near the Lebanese border. On the political front, Syria blocked what was left of the Mideast peace process by mending fences with King Hussein of Jordan.

But now, in Lebanon, Syria is struggling to keep its head above the water. Belatedly, Syria is learning that Lebanon's malaise is like a bottomless sea.

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U.S. documents Soviet repression of Jews

There are many more "Scharanskys" left behind

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

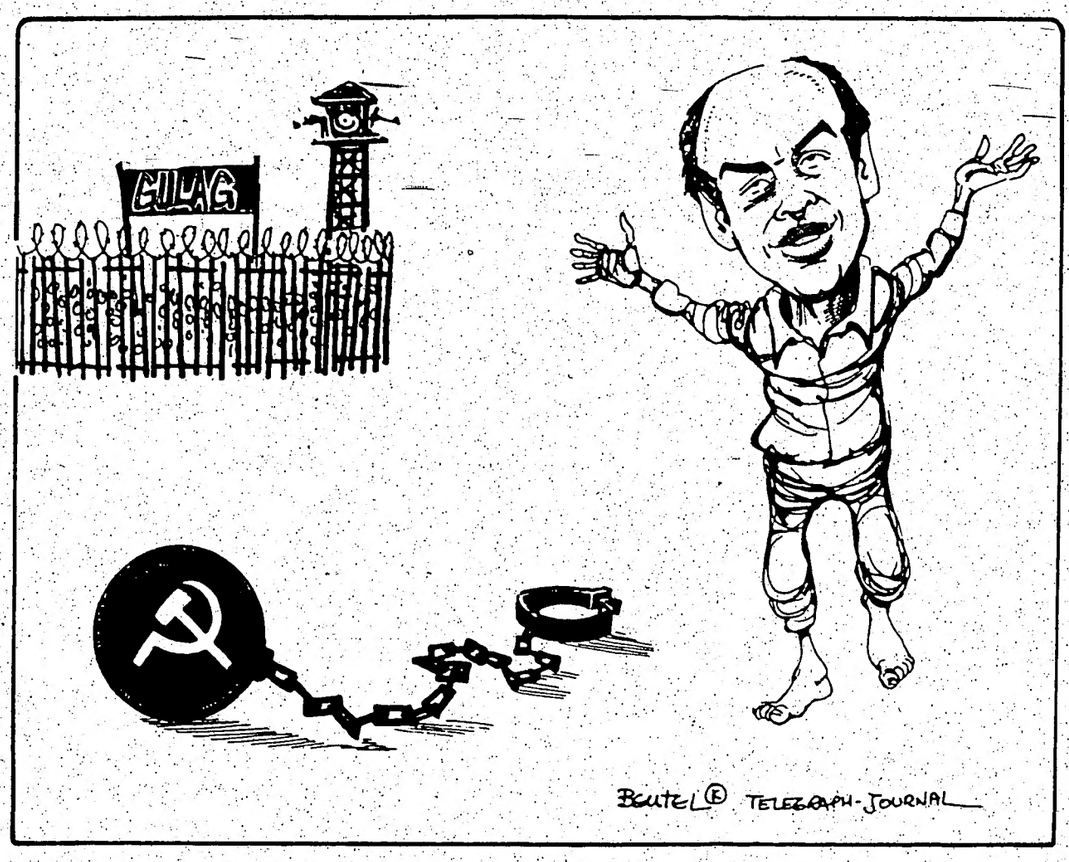
Coincidentally, the Soviet Union's decision to free Anatoly Scharansky came just as the U.S. state department released its annual worldwide human rights report, including a lengthy section on the Soviet Union. It served as a dramatic reminder that there are still many more — but not as well-known 'Scharanskys" left behind the Iron Curtain.

"Soviet performance in the realm of human rights fails to meet even the most elementary of accepted international standards," it concluded. "The constitution formally provides for most internationally recognized human rights and guarantees the right to education, medical care, and work. In practice, however, these rights are limited by the admitted priority given to the interests of the state. Freedom of speech is denied by vague laws prescribing imprisonment for defaming the state."

To back up this point, the Soviet regime "confines those attempting to exercise their rights to prison, labor camps, or psychiatric hospitals . . . Beatings, inadequate food, clothing, and shelter, heavy manual labor, unsatisfactory medical care, isolation, extended interrogation, and threats against prisoners' families were characteristic abuses . . . Every year a number of persons die in prisons and labor camps because of the harsh conditions and inadequate medical attention."

Many ethnic and religious groups in the Soviet Union suffer, but, the U.S. report noted the special treatment given to Jews, especially to those who want to practice their religion, study Hebrew or emigrate. The report does not diplomatically shy away from the gory details, citing names of Jews in trouble.

"Jewish cultural activist Yuliy Edelshtein was repeatedly beaten at the instigation of labor camp officials in an effort to persuade him to renounce his religion," it said. "Lydia Koifman, wife of imprioned Hebrew teacher Yevgeniy Koifman, was committed to a psychiatric hospital because of her efforts to assist and defend her husband." He had been tried in Dnepropetrovsk "on a trumped-up narcotics charge and sentenced to 2½ years of closely supervised work release."



The report continued: "Moscow Hebrew teacher Dmitriy (Dan) Shapiro was brought to trial June 26. After other forms of pressure, Shapiro signed a 'confession' to Zionist and anti-Soviet activities. Later broadcast on Soviet national television, Shapiro's statement named several Jewish 'collaborators,' many of whom in fact did not know him well. Shapiro was given a suspended sentence, but his public 'confession' was widely interpreted as a stern warning against assertion of Jewish culture and identity."

There were many other arrests and trials of Hebrew teachers which "reinforced the climate of repression." A film, Conspiracy Against the Nation of Soviets, was shown on Soviet television in February and again in September, as well as in theatres. "The film not only attacked major dissident figures but also sought to link Jewish emigration with Western intelligence activities. Many Soviet Jews regard such films, books, and articles featuring anti-semitic themes as evidence of government-inspired hostility to them."

Thus, Leningrad Hebrew teacher Roald Zelichonok was placed on trial on Aug. 8 and sentenced to 3 years in a labor camp for anti-Soviet slander, "apparently on the basis of statements made in private letters."

Another Hebrew teacher, Leonid Volvovskiy, "already exiled to the closed city of Gorkiy, was charged with anti-Soviet slander and sentenced Oct. 24 to three years in a penal camp. His trial took place in an atmosphere characterized by anti-semitic slogans painted on walls near his apartment and by hostile articles in the official local press."

One of the better known Jewish dissidents, Iosif Begun, was transferred from a labor camp to a prison, apparently for violation of camp rules. "His wife and son were repeatedly warned by Soviet authorities to cease activities on his behalf, such as hunger strikes and press conferences."

Another Jewish activist, Iosif Berenshtein, underwent treatment for blindness suffered in a prison attack but was transferred back to a camp at Zholtye Vody "with little chance of regaining his sight."

In the state department document, there is also mention of Aleksandr Kholmyanskiy, another Hebrew teacher who suffered ill health. Samuel Epshtein, serving a term for anti-Soviet slander, had his term extended by two years under a new law which permits extension of camp sentences for minor infractions of camp rules. By last fall, U.S. officials in the Soviet Union had reached a "conservative" estimate that the number of imprisoned Jewish activists had reached 22.

It is that background which helps to explain why The Wall Street Journal, in an editorial on Feb. 12, urged the Reagan administration to maintain a tough posture in dealing with the Soviets. After suggesting that Soviet General-Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev hopes that the release of Scharansky will pave the way for the Soviets to obtain economic and other concessions from the West, the editorial said: "Let's give him a disappointment . . .

"The task now is to deny the Soviets the price that they hope to get for the Scharansky release," it continued. "They want a growing Western sense that they are ready for peace, but whenever we look at Mr. Scharansky we should remember that people capable of the barbarism we saw in this case are not to be trusted to make peace. They want investment and trade, but a government that must make frequent resort to terror is not exactly a stable business partner."

But there is some reason to believe that the Reagan administration is not going to follow that editorial's stern advice. President Ronald Reagan, at his White House news conference on Feb. 11, hinted broadly that he accepts the notion that a general relaxation of East-West tensions would ease the plight of other dissidents in the Soviet Union and result in an increased number of emigrants.

"I don't have any way to determine what their motives are in doing this," he said when asked whether the Scharansky release might herald some real change in Soviet policy. He noted, however, that some other well-known Soviet dissidents had been allowed to leave since his Geneva summit with Gorbachev last November.

"I only know that since the Geneva meeting there has been not only this but others released, more so than in a great many years. I'm encouraged by this because I did talk at great length about the matter of human rights with the general-secretary and all we can do is hope that this is a beginning, a sign for what's going to take place."

The upshot, of course, was that things might improve for Soviet Jewry if the overall American-Soviet relationship improved. Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz, who have forcefully raised the human rights issue during every meeting they have had with their Soviet counterparts, appear ready to give the Soviets a chance to establish their sincerity. They believe that the ball is clearly in Moscow's court.

The start of direct flights to Israel for Soviet Jewish refugees, for example, would signal a major breakthrough, according to U.S. and Israeli officials as well as American Jewish activists. This was a basic point made by Prime Minister Shimon Peres during his talk with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze at the United Nations last October. There is a growing sense in Washington that such flights are certainly possible, although by no means yet certain.

In the meantime, the pattern of repression continues in the Soviet Union, as documented in the new state department human rights scoreboard. The KGB, it said, is charged by the Communist Party "with enforcing compliance by the population with policy decisions, directives, and legislation. They do so in large part by instilling fear among dissenters and potential dissenters."

Scharansky, in the coming weeks, months and years, will no doubt serve as an eloquent eyewitness to this continuing and fundamental fact of life in the Soviet Union today. His freedom sparked a massive amount of American and worldwide media attention to the plight of Soviet Jewry. Among many Soviet Jewish activists in the United States, there already is a new spirit, a new momentum, an apparent revival of the early days of the movement. That's good news to the other "Scharanskys" still left behind.

Brightest star in firmament of Refuseniks

Tolya will have powerful tale to tell

By
DAVID LEVY

Even if you knew someone who went to jail for good reason, to anyone with normal human feelings it is a troubling and unsettling experience. But when it is someone you knew who was perfectly innocent, who was not just framed but framed by a state that the world accepts as a legitimate operation, it is too much to bear.

That is how I felt in Moscow on, and well before, that day in mid-July, 1978, when a man I had known personally and as the brightest star in the firmament of Jewish would-be emigrants, was sentenced to 13 years in the hell of the Soviet gulag.

Covering the Scharansky trial was my last assignment in Moscow where I had first gone in 1964 for the CBC, and where I had witnessed the rise and demise of a startlingly bold Jewish activist campaign for emigration to Israel. It was in following this story, from the moment it really started outside the Moscow synagogue on Simchat Torah in 1969 to the sorry aftermath of Brezhnev's signature on the 1975 Helsinki Final Act, that I got to know Scharansky.

Tolya, as we knew him, was easily the most intelligent and the brightest of the actors in that historic drama. He knew his rights under the Helsinki Final Act, and he demanded them with vigor and even humor. He was, moreover, almost the only one in the crowd of dissidents who spoke English fluently, and this brought him a more attentive audience among us foreign correspondents on whom he, as all Soviet dissidents, depended for the protection that only worldwide publicity affords in Soviet life.

Andrei Sakharov, whom I also saw for the last time in Moscow that summer of 1978, said of Scharansky's cruel sentence:

"Scharansky told the truth, and he told it in English, and that's why they have sentenced him."

With his excellent English, he had a better opportunity than most to make a tolerable life for himself in the Soviet Union. I had another Jewish friend in Moscow who appears to have done just that with the almost native English he acquired attending an American school in Shanghai. Those who saw PBS's wonderfully accurate documentary "Russia — love it or leave it" recently, would have seen him, the bearded man among the four who were answering questions of American tourists. Vladimir Posner, so ubiquitous as a guest on North American TV news shows, is another example.

These people do not really think the way they talk in public. They play the dishonest Soviet game by lying every day of their lives. Very near the surface they think like Scharansky. At least my bearded Jewish friend does. But, as they say, it's a living.

Scharansky spurned the benefits that fluency in English can confer on a Soviet citizen and said what was on his mind. In this, he also manifested something else that is very rare in Soviet citizens and which made it particularly easy to associate with Scharansky. He thought like a Westerner. He did not have that peculiarly convoluted Russian mind. He was charming and crazy in the Western way, not the Russian, which can be so exasperating for us foreigners. You could deal with him on the basis of our kind of logic and rationalism. He knew the risks he was taking, but he took them rationally. I had only one other Soviet friend, also Jewish, who was like that — an artist who finally emigrated.

By saying I "covered" Scharansky's trial for CBC I am, of course, using the word loosely. Foreign correspondents just do not get into dissident trials. They can only report on them from outside. Indeed, the word "trial" is itself a gross misnomer. How can one talk of a trial when the outcome is a foregone conclusion? When acquittals just do not happen? When the only case of mercy shown was that in commuting the death sentences of Mark Dymshits and Eduard Kuznetsov to 15 years of strict regime? And then only under extreme international pressure.

The Russian and Yiddish word protsess, cognate of our word process, is much more accurate. Scharansky was processed by the Soviet state grinding machine which has made mincemeat of so many millions of innocent lives before Scharansky was dragged into it by an angry and fearful KGB.

Scharansky was framed, and that was the really hard thing to come to terms with as a Western reporter sent in by CBC that July specially to report on the Scharansky trial. His knowledge of Soviet state secrets that he was accused of having passed to Los Angeles Times correspondent Robert Toth, also framed as an alleged CIA agent (President Jimmy Carter denied it), was no more than that which every educated Soviet citizen possesses. As a well known Soviet joke puts it — they know how terrible Soviet technology is, and that's a state secret! As a computer expert, Scharansky certainly knew **that** secret.

Not counting Nazi Germany, in which illegality was national policy, France gave us the classic example of a state-sponsored frameup of a Jew with the Alfred Dreyfus case. With Theodor Herzl covering that trial, it became the genesis of Zionism. How fitting, I thought, as news of Scharansky's awful sentence ran through Moscow's community of Western reporters, that Zionism should now be the real crime for which that sentence was given.

Though the anti-semitic foundation of the Scharansky frameup needed no special explanation, so obvious was it, the kremlin made just the sort of unusual effort to deny it that only served to prove its truth in the final analysis. Right at that time, Soviet media made much of the execution of a Soviet trading official caught spying for the CIA. Normally, this sort of thing is almost never reported; and if reported, only for a very special reason. In this instance, the reason was not only clear. It was also explicitly stated — a Gentile we execute, a Jew we spare, so what better proof do you want of Soviet humanitarianism?

Why the release is being taken now as a sign of Soviet humanity in some quarters can only be explained as wishful thinking. When Scharansky gets into the sort of fighting trim he was in when I last knew him, the tale he will have to tell might change the minds of the most hardened wishful thinkers and Soviet sympathizers. Now the world will soon have a chance to see at first hand what a terrible thing the Soviet state did in falsely imprisoning a man like Anatoly Scharansky. That people will draw the right conclusions is less certain, however.

Opinion

Envoy to Canada served in W. Germany during Munich massacre

Ben-Horin believes in virtues of quiet diplomacy

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

OTTAWA —

One year ago next month, Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli foreign minister, said on a visit to Toronto that "a new era of stronger friendship and cooperation between Canada and Israel will begin."

Eliashiv Ben-Horin, Israel's ambassador to Canada, thinks that era has already dawned.

In a recent interview conducted in his office, Ben-Horin said there is evidence that Israel's bilateral relationship with Canada is more substantive today and that its potential, particularly in trade, has only begun to be explored.

A pipe-smoking diplomat who is about a year away from retirement, Ben-Horin said that in the past year government-sponsored Canadian and Israeli delegations have exchanged visits with the view of increasing economic ties "beyond routine consumer goods." As a direct result, a few "relatively modest" deals already have been signed.

Israel, he explained, is interested in enhancing its commercial relations with Canada in high technology, a rapidly-growing sector in which "Canada is certainly among the best in the world, but in which Israel has something to offer as well."

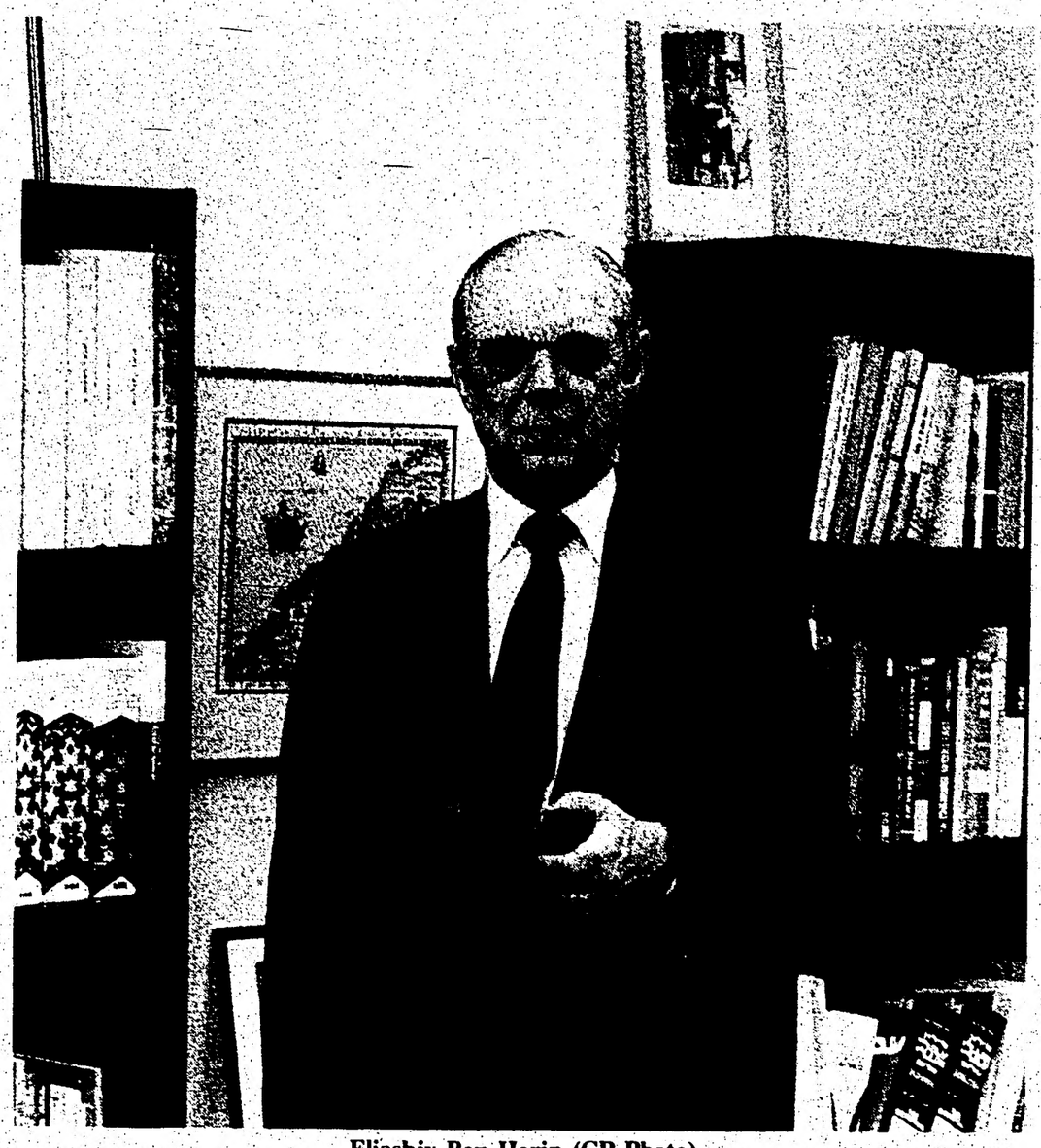
In the meantime, Canada-Israel commerce is on the upswing. Last year, according to still incomplete figures, Canada bought nearly $100 million worth of Israel's goods, from agricultural produce and chemicals to polished diamonds and textiles. This, he said, represented a 20% increase over 1984. Israel, in turn, purchased Canadian exports like barley and auto parts valued at $150 million, slightly more than the year before.

Voicing hope that Israel would be able to reduce its trade deficit with Canada, Ben-Horin said that Israeli businessmen regard Canada as a "highly interesting and challenging market," its proximity to the U.S. notwithstanding.

Turning to the political arena, he described Israel's relationship with Canada as "very good" and without irritants.

Prior to Ben-Horin's arrival in Ottawa, fresh from a tour as senior assistant deputy minister in the ministry of foreign affairs in Jerusalem, Canada-Israel relations were still recovering from Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen's 1983 trip to the Middle East, and Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's subsequent suggestions for an Arab-Israeli peace accord.

Israel's thrust into Lebanon did not go over well in Ottawa. And MacEachen's comments that Canadian contacts with the PLO could be "upgraded" and that Syria could play "a constructive and responsible" role in the region were not appreciated in Israel. Trudeau aggravated the situation when he declared that "the Palestinians should be given their rights, a homeland in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip," and that Israel should withdraw from the occupied territories and "stop and reverse" its settlement policy.



Eliashiv Ben-Horin (CP Photo).

According to Ben-Horin, Israel's "political dialogue" with Canada is proceeding without "public posturing." Israel, he added, respects Canada for its readiness to be helpful in Mideast peacekeeping. Later this year, Canadian troops will replace Australian soldiers serving in a United Nations force in the Sinai Peninsula.

In all other respects, Israel's relationship with Canada is flourishing, Ben-Horin pointed out.

Cultural and academic exchanges are increasing. Last year, the Israel Philharmonic played in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, and several Canadian dance companies toured Israel. This summer, Israel's Bat Dor dancers will tour Canada.

At present, there are 13 Israeli professors teaching in Canadian universities during their sabbaticals. Five Canadians are in Israel on the same basis.

El Al plans to extend service to Toronto, and Canadian Pacific will be free to fly to Ben-Gurion Airport. Meanwhile, Canadian tourism to Israel has reached record levels.

Ben-Horin, who heads up a staff of five embassy diplomats, meets regularly with parliamentarians and journalists to get Israel's message across. "We talk not only to our admirers, but to our critics," he said. A firm believer in the virtues of quiet diplomacy, Ben-Horin prefers to "persuade rather than to preach." He does not like to engage in what he calls "unnecessary public posturing."

He has had many background meetings with editors and editorial boards across Canada. "I've always found a consistently high degree of interest in Israel and in Middle Eastern affairs and a willingness to hear me out, whether or not we fully agreed on every detail."

He keeps in close touch with Jewish communities from British Columbia to the Maritimes. "Israel's safety, well-being and standing are a fundamental concern of Jewish communities the world over."

Although there is no such thing as a "typical day" for Ben-Horin, he visits his consular outposts quite regularly — once a month in Toronto and more frequently in Montreal.

One of Israel's most seasoned diplomats, Ben-Horin follows the Middle East peace process, such as it is, closely.

He believes that Shimon Peres, Israel's Prime Minister, has gone a "very long way to make it easier" for King Hussein of Jordan "to come to the negotiating table." But, he cautions, Hussein has yet to decide whether he prefers peace with Israel or Yasser Arafat, the leader of the PLO.

"We've given Hussein credit for good intentions, but what is required now are decisions. If Hussein wants to play a role in a peace settlement, he cannot wait forever."

Ben-Horin is skeptical of Syria's intentions. In his opinion, the Syrians have not even reconciled themselves to Israel's existence.

Of Israel's peace treaty with Egypt, he said it proves that "determined action" can end a cycle of war.

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Now 64, Eliashiv Ben-Horin was born in the German town of Beuthen, now in Polish territory. Samuel, his father, was a merchant and Hebrew teacher ("I was brought up in Germany in Hebrew"). Hella, his mother, was from Poland.

With the rising tide of Nazi anti-semitism, the family immigrated to Palestine in 1935.

During World War II, he served with the British army. He fought in the War of Independence as a captain.

After joining the foreign ministry, he was posted to the United Nations and then to Israel's embassy in Washington. "I learned the diplomatic ropes in two central embassies under the most brilliant ambassador Israel has ever had anywhere — Abba Eban. I learned from him that you can present your case in the clearest and most energetic possible way without ever once raising your voice or being discourteous."

In 1960, Ben-Horin was sent to Burma with the rank of ambassador. "Burma," he said, "was Israel's focal embassy in Asia and a show window to the Third World."

During his three years in Rangoon, he supervised Israel's development programs in that remote southeastern Asian land and helped establish Burma's international shipping line.

When David Ben-Gurion, the Israeli Prime Minister, visited Burma for 17 days, Ben-Horin accompanied him everywhere.

Transferred to Venezuela, Ben-Horin managed Israel's Latin America development program from his office in Caracas.

In 1970, he accepted the ambassadorship to West Germany. Israeli diplomats may turn down an assignment in Germany, but Ben-Horin, who lost 44 members of his family in the Holocaust, felt he had to go. He worked hard to preserve Israel's "special relationship" with West Germany, and he paid special attention to forging links with Germany's new generation.

He had the misfortune of being in West Germany when the Munich Olympic massacre occurred. He said it was one of the "most horrific experiences" of his life... "unbelievably traumatic."

From 1974 to 1978, Ben-Horin, who holds a Hebrew University law degree, was Israel's envoy to Belgium and the European Common Market, which is based in Brussels. He led the Israeli team that negotiated a historic economic agreement with the Common Market.

Ben-Horin and his wife, Nechama, have two sons — Yoav, a Harvard doctoral candidate in political science, and Assaf, a Tel Aviv University graduate student in psychology.

Despite Ottawa's long winter, he has enjoyed his posting in Canada, which, he said, is "very attractive."

When he reaches the age of 65, he will retire, and he and his wife will return to Jerusalem. At the moment, however, he hasn't figured out what he will do after he leaves the foreign ministry.

"Political dialogue" with Ottawa proceeding

As disconcerting as Trudeau's remarks may have been in some Canadian pro-Israel circles, their impact was comparatively minor when compared to the passions aroused by Canada's decision a few years earlier to renege on its promise to move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Ben-Horin, who started his diplomatic career in 1950, took up his new posting here when Canada-Israel relations were just getting back to an even keel.

He believes that, in essence, there is a "high degree of continuity" in Canada's friendly attitude to Israel. Ben-Horin is pleased that Canada, in contrast to Western European nations, has not tried to pressure Israel into accepting certain formulas it would reject to resolve the Arab-Israeli dispute. As he put it: "Canada does not yield to the temptation of urging detailed prescriptions for the cure of ailments in other regions if it cannot assume the responsibility of the doctor."

We must not lose sight of the wonders of space

By
ELAINE KAHN

Of the four people who live in my house, one wants to be the first rabbi in space, two want to be the first twins on Mars and I want to, just once, board an airplane without thinking I'm going to die.

I was the only one in the house unaware that the space shuttle Challenger was being launched Jan. 28. I didn't know anything about it until 20 minutes after the explosion for which the word "tragic" is not sufficient. And when I did find out, I became very angry — at myself.

I remember exactly where I was standing in my public school when news came of John Glenn's first successful orbit of earth. Soon after began my morbid fascination with death in space — was it really true the astronauts were sent up with cyanide capsules . . . just in case?

I remember at exactly which point in our holiday drive to Florida I heard that Apollo 8 was successfully orbiting the moon and how much I worried about the astronauts while they were on the far side, out of radio contact with earth. I remember sitting in my late Aunt Bea's apartment alone, watching the first person walk on the moon, and who it was that I called, in great excitement, immediately after.

Above and beyond all that, I remember how much I loved first learning, in grade 5, about the explorers (a red book that began with the story of Prince Henry the Navigator, whoever that was).

I am angry at myself for losing sight of that wonder, interest and excitement, growing out of and away from it somehow. How terribly ordinary I've become, never missing a headline telling of the gruesome Star Wars, never noticing a headline about the marvels of star exploration. Knowing vaguely that it is wrong for space exploration budgets to be cut back, but never stopping yawning long enough to really learn about it. Barely glancing at the pictures of Uranus sent to earth by satellite the week before Challenger blew up, but gorging myself on details of grief and debris after that blowup.

Oh yes, there was the one time we all got up early to watch a shuttle launch a few years ago — can't remember which shuttle — but that was for the sake of the children. Halley's Comet shows up once a lifetime, but I didn't accompany my family to view it one night — heck, it was bitterly cold and I'd heard the comet just looks like a fuzzy blur and isn't even digital or decorated with kiwi.

Teacher Christa McAuliffe, who died in the Challenger explosion, knew about adults like me, I think. I like to think her thrilling plan to teach schoolchildren across the U.S. all about space directly from the space shuttle was meant to have a trickle-up effect.

By all accounts, she was a kind teacher, but in my mind I see her ripping away from the movie screen both the E.T. and the 2001 generations and forcing both to write 10,000 times on our home computers: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars/but in ourselves, that we are underlings."

For surely when we fail to be moved by the positive and real wonders of the final frontier we are greatly diminished.

Opinion

Social welfare programs, aid to Israel

Jewish groups fear effects of U.S. budget-balancing

By
JUDITH KOHN

WASHINGTON (JTA) —
Congress is back at work after a month-long recess, and the returning legislators will immediately set out to resume some old unresolved battles and to wage a few new ones in a session that is expected to be the stormiest since President Reagan took office.

The issues of special conern to many in the Jewish community are myriad and diverse, ranging from tax reform to arms sales for Arab countries.

But perhaps the greatest source of anticipation in Washington right now is to be found in legislation already adopted at the end of last session. The controversial Gramm-Rudman budget balancing law will force the administration to reduce the federal deficit in several stages over the next five years, with automatic cuts applied to government programs if Congress fails to meet its mandated targets.

And here too, many American Jewish organizations are sitting on needles, waiting for some definitive word on how badly domestic social welfare programs will be hurt, as well as what the new law's impact will be on U.S. aid to Israel.

The administration recently announced that the law will require a budget-trimming for fiscal year 1986 of $11.7 billion. The cuts, half of which must be taken from the military budget and half from non-military spending, went into effect automatically on March 1.

Of particular concern to many Jewish organizations is the fate of domestic social programs destined to feel the sharp edge of the Gramm-Rudman budget-cutting scissors. Jewish groups active in promoting social welfare programs fear that the expected cuts this year will be devastating for many of the nation's poor, among them elderly Jews.

Jewish federations are "in jeopardy of losing millions of dollars," when the cuts take effect, according to Ellen Witman, legislative director at the Washington office of the Council of Jewish Federations.

The administration has already withheld grants, normally renewed on Jan. 1, for refugee resettlement, money which is used by federation-funded agencies primarily to resettle Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, according to Whitman. Other federation-funded programs that can expect to suffer are housing programs, foster care and adoption services and assistance projects to the elderly.

"A lot of people are really not aware of how much federal, as well as state and local, sources are a part of the network of services that we provide," Witman observed.

Many Jews already living below or near the poverty line are among those who will be badly hurt by social service cuts in programs administered by Jewish and non-Jewish agencies alike, Marc Peral, Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress, pointed out. He noted that 16 to 20% of American Jews are either currently below the poverty line or would fall below in the event of another recession.

Fears about Gramm-Rudman, however, may prove entirely unwarranted if a current lawsuit challenges its constitutionality is successful. But with or without the new legislation, Congress can be expected to take deficit-reducing measures seriously this session.

Another source of anxiety for many Jewish individuals and organizations is the tax reform issue, which will almost certainly be taken up by the Senate finance committee early on in the new session.

The House passed a bill to revise the tax code just before winter recess. To the relief of many Jewish organizations it did not include a provision in a similar plan proposed by the treasury department that would have prevented non-itemizing taxpayers from deducting any contributions to charitable institutions. The House version would permit the deduction only after the first $100.

A coalition of some 600 Jewish and non-Jewish philanthropic bodies involving in welfare, cultural, educational and religious programs, has vigorously opposed the treasury's proposal, claiming it would substantially reduce donations to charity. The Jewish federations, for example, which raise more than $600 million a year, could lose, according to a study by the coalition, over a sixth of their average annual earnings.

But the provision is unlikely to be included in the Senate version either, Pearl speculated.

As the tax filing deadline approaches, Israel Bond holders will almost certainly be relieved by of a new tax burden of which most are undoubtedly unaware. A provision of the 1984 Deficit Reduction Act would require lenders to pay tax on the full amount of interest they would get if the loans had been made at prevailing market rates.

If Israel Bonds are not exempted from the 1984 act, Bond holders would be required to pay tax on more interest than they actually earned, since the bonds 4% interest falls well below the current approximate market rate of 10%. This could result in a loss of potential bond purchasers, some members of Congress have pointed out.

But the "imputed interest provision" of the 1984 law was aimed against those who make artificially low-interest loans — such as those by parents to children in a lower tax-bracket — as a legal means of tax evasion, and was never intended to affect Israel Bonds, these legislators have stressed.

Accordingly, the tax reform bill passed by the House includes a provision correcting retroactively the unintended effect of the 1984 act on Israel Bonds. The Senate finance committee is expected to take up the Bonds legislation as part of a separate bill, in order to prevent it from getting bogged down in wrangling over tax reform, according to a staff member at the Israel Bond Organization office in New York.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This space is usually occupied by J. B. Salsberg but JB is, as far as we know, still in Florida (as reported last week) and has probably been too busy to phone in his column. We hope to hear from him in time for the next issue of The CJN.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signatures.

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"JESUS BELIEVER NO JEW"

I am responding to Ron Csillag's Feb. 13 article headed "Jews for Jesus withdraws application to council."

It reported that Jews for Jesus, a group that recognizes Jesus Christ as Messiah of Israel, has withdrawn its application to become a member of York University's interfaith council.

This was done because of the strong opposition voiced by the 5,000-member Jewish Students Federation, which is the largest element of the 15 on-campus religious organizations that belong to the council.

It's perfectly clear that a person who believes Jesus is the Messiah cannot be considered a Jew.

Being Jewish is not a mere cultural or religious label. It is an historical observance of belief and tradition.

I think it's misleading to the public when members of this group call themselves Jews. I consider it an underhanded means of legitimizing themselves in the community.

If they're sincere in their quest for public acknowledgment, they should stand independently on their own merits and not call themselves Jews.

Kathy Smithen
Toronto

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NON-KOSHER ADS ANTI-JEWRY

I am responding to Ed Binder's Feb. 6 letter headed "Chop suey versus Jewry."

In it, he accuses me of "equating the Moonies and organized murder with advertising non-kosher ads in The CJN."

His attempt to assuage his own conscience is fine and well, as the worries over assimilation and health speak for themselves. And though he is still "very much a Jew," he seems to have forgotten one of the first lessons in the Torah. As Jews, we are all our brother's keepers.

However, the gist of my original letter remains unanswered. I did not write rhetorically. I wrote from the sincere conviction that The CJN is in a rather direct manner encouraging actions which are contrary to Jewish law — individual reader's "moral" considerations aside.

In fact, Binder confirms the ads' effectiveness.

Chaim Goldberg
Montreal

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NON-KOSHER ADS OFFENSIVE

Recently, there has been a rash of letters focusing on The CJN's kashrut policy (or lack thereof) with respect to advertising and restaurant reviews.

Such diverse issues as censorship, man's accountability before his Maker, and whether or not The CJN should be serving as a moral guide have been raised.

Most of these letters seem to miss the main issue at hand.

As a community newspaper, The CJN's policy should always be to minimize its offensiveness to its readership as much as possible. Non-kosher advertising, possessing no Jewish content, would not be missed in its absence by non-kashrut observing Jews.

Surely, no one can argue that the pages of the CJN represent the only source of restaurant reviews in this country. On the other hand, the sensibilities of traditional Jews are offended by such advertising.

The suggestion to eliminate non-kosher advertising is not meant as an attack on the lifestyle of non-observant Jews. But rather, it is an attempt to minimize the offensiveness of The CJN in the eys of a significant proportion of its readership.

Jerrold Landau
Toronto

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Jewish penicillin . . . As a result of a medical study showing that hot chicken soup is clinically effective for cold and flu sufferers, Mt. Sinai Medical Centre in Miami Beach has started marketing cans of the kosher healing broth.

MOM'S MEDICINAL CHICKEN SOUP

My guilt feelings at being skeptical of the medical opinions of my mother prompts me to acknowledge that her opinion about the therapeutic effectiveness of chicken soup has been scientifically proven to be valid.

Recently, speaking at an international seminar in Washington sponsored by the National Institute of Health, Dr. William Greenough, director of the International Centre of Diarrhea Disease Research in Bangladesh, said that meat and meat products can serve as a pathway in the absorption of water and salts in dehydrated children.

He pointed out that the addition of chicken soup or other meat products increased water and salt absorption and, of course, this reversed the life-threatening dehydration in that starving population.

Dr. Greenough also pointed out that the new chicken soup solutions led to better growth patterns and reduced subsequent dehydration rates.

A few years ago, a physician in California did a study in which he compared chicken soup and other fluids in terms of their value in improving the catarrh part of the common cold. He proved that the chicken soup was much more effective than other fluids in dealing with the nasal symptoms.

My mother was right all along. I'm sorry to have doubted her.

Dr. Fred Weinberg
Hospital For
Sick Children
Toronto

Editor's note: On behalf of the Yiddishe Mommas who read The CJN, we are glad to accept Dr. Weinberg's belated apology for ever doubting the medicinal and therapeutic value of that haimishe broth that has been regarded as Jewish penicillin. It should comfort him to learn that other physicians are similarly beginning to recognize that the much-vaunted healing power of chicken soup is neither a bubba meisa nor an old mother's tale.

Our illustrative photo shows Ben Simon, a technologist in nuclear medicine at Mt. Sinai Medical Centre in Miami Beach, displaying a can of kosher chicken soup that the hospital is now marketing after it released a study on the healing effects of the broth. The study, published in Chest Magazine, found that hot chicken soup served to cold and flu sufferers is clinically effective in clearing stuffy noses and heads — thus confirming what millions of sensible Jewish mothers have known all along.

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OPERA DIVAS REAL DOLLS

Frank Rasky, in his enlightening Feb. 6 review of Richard Strauss's sanguine opera *Salome*, indicated that American soprano Kristine Ciesinski was "naturally endowed with physical beauty." It is something, he went on to write, that was very rare for opera divas.

Okay, Frank! Natural beauty in today's world may indeed be rare. So I agree with you, in a way.

But, for shame, Frank! Remember not the beauty of France's diminutive coloratura, Lilly Pons? Now, I ask, was she not a doll?

What of the beautiful soprano, Patrice Munsel, whose operatic career was cut short by a marriage to her rich admirer.

How about the glamorous mezzo, Rise Stevens, the Miss Carmen of the 1950s? Canada's Teresa Stratas? The raven-haired beauty, Anna Moffo?

But enough drooling already about these dolls — since my wife is a very jealous creature — and I sign my name with fear and trembling.

Dr. George I. Bernstein
Orthopedic Surgery
Windsor, Ont.

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MARK TWAIN'S JEWISH "TURNCOATS"

I enjoyed reading Ron Csillag's Feb. 13 article about Mark Twain and the Jews headed "Twain tried to tackle mystery of anti-semitism." However, one statement Csillag makes leaves me puzzled — that in 1898 "as many as half of all U.S. Jews denied their Jewishness."

What is Mr. Csillag's warrant for this statement?

I have read as much as anyone in the field of U.S. Jewish history, but have never come across this rather astonishing conclusion.

There was a cultural assimilationist tendency among various elements in the community, but this surely can't be termed "denial of Jewishness." Such trends still exist today.

Where does he get his mathematical proportion of "as many as half?"

Gabriel K. Bernstein
Toronto

Ron Csillag replies:

The clue is given by Twain himself. In his essay, he writes that the encyclopedia of the day listed the Jewish population of the U.S. at 250,000. Twain was strongly suspicious of that number, saying he was "personally acquainted" with more Jews than that, and he was sure the figure was a misprint.

Yet, today's Encyclopedia Judaica says the Jewish population of the U.S. in 1900 was 1 million. If one subtracts the approximately half-million Jewish immigrants who arrived on American shores between 1892 and 1900, that leaves about 500,000 American Jews.

Twain reconciles his doubt by saying he had spoken to several people about the matter and reports: "People told me they had reason to suspect that for business reasons, many Jews whose dealings were mainly with Christians did not report themselves as Jews in the census. It looks plausible."

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AUTHOR SEEKS REFUGEES

I am engaged in research for a book about Raoul Laporterie, who was a *passeur* during World War II.

Would anyone who escaped the Germans with French help through Mont de Marsan near Bordeaux in 1940 or 1941 please contact me at 422 Heath St. East, Toronto M4G 1B5 or telephone (416) 423-2904.

James Bacque
Toronto

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KUDOS TO ROSEN

Congratulations to Jeff Rosen on his recent excellent article on Roy Lipman, Big Brothers of Metropolitan Toronto's Big Brother of the Year for the City of North York.

Shirley Worth
Toronto

Hussein feared assassination

Peace process was embroiled in controversy

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progress toward a Middle Eastern settlement. When it became obvious that King Hussein could not wring vital concessions out of Arafat, the White House acted to preempt a certain Senate motion to kill the arms bill altogether.

The latest peace process was embroiled in heated controversy from the outset.

Israel and Jordan never agreed on which Palestinian representatives should be included in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation that would have negotiated with Israel.

Israel insisted on Palestinians not affiliated with the PLO, though Peres always said he would not check their credentials. Jordan, together with Egypt (which was also a key player), maintained that the PLO could not be excluded.

The other sticking point was procedural as well. Israel — and the U.S.— wanted direct Arab-Israeli talks under the auspices of an international conference. But Israel said it would not accept Soviet participation unless Moscow reestablished diplomatic relations with it.

Jordan preferred indirect negotiations under an international umbrella. It modified its policy under the pressure of events, but did not back down from its belief that the PLO had to be part of any settlement.

Three additional factors probably contributed to the impasse. The hybrid Israeli unity government was torn by the conflicting policies of its partners, Labor and Likud. Arafat, knowing his leadership is hotly contested by more radical Palestinians and Syria and Libya, could not break away from the debilitating consensus policy he practices. Jordan lacked the will to move without the PLO.

King Hussein feared he would be deposed or assassinated if he followed in the footsteps of Anwar Sadat.

King Hussein may have been inhibited by Syria, which was against his 1985 accord with Arafat and his flirtation with step-by-step diplomacy.

Jordan and Syria, which were not on speaking terms until their recent rapprochement, may now deepen their tentative relationship. If this in fact occurs, it will be all the harder for Israel and Jordan to achieve a modus vivendi.

With the peace process at a standstill, Peres most probably will not be able to forestall the automatic takeover of the Israeli government by Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir in the autumn.

Peres might have called new elections and dissolved the government if chances for a settlement were tangible. But with prospects for an early Arab-Israeli pact having dissolved for the time being, Peres has been robbed of a pretext to continue as premier after his term of office expires.

Virtually all observers agree that a government led by Shamir, a hardliner par excellence, will not be prepared to make the territorial compromises that Peres appeared committed to.

The game, however, may not be up.

According to Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, King Hussein's TV address is "an opening to peace." Rabin, in common with his Labor colleagues, believes that now is the time for the 1.3 million Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip "to free themselves of the PLO" and enter into negotiations with Israel.

Echoing the same theme, Peres called on the Palestinians there "to seize the moment" and sit down and talk with Israel. Peres really unveiled this line of thought earlier this month when he offered to give the Palestinians limited autonomy in home affairs.

Analysts do not think the Palestinians will nibble on the bait. Virtually every West Bank-Gaza Palestinian leader until now has contemptuously rejected such ideas. Indeed, the Camp David autonomy talks collapsed soon after they began in 1979 precisely because the Palestinians were not interested in anything less than unfettered self-determination.

Syrian Jewry's situation improves

WASHINGTON (JTA)— The U.S. state department's annual report on human rights around the world contains data on the condition of Jews in the Arab world.

• On Syria's 3,000-4,000 Jews the report said they are free to practice their religion and their general situation "has improved in recent years, despite continuous uncertainty over the community's future" and they enjoy "a relatively good standard of living, access to higher education, and entrance into the professions."

But "Jews are subject to restrictions on foreign travel, however, and, unlike other Syrian communal groups, the passports and identity cards of Jewish citizens contain a notation that the holder is Jewish," the report adds.

• In Iraq, where the Jewish community now numbers only about 400, the report finds "there is no evidence of recent persecution. In 1985, a Western journalist visited the last known synagogue in Baghdad and confirmed that it is still functioning.

• In Morocco, some 10,000 Jews operate schools and institutions as well as 20 major synagogues and have the support of the king. Unlike the situation in other Arab countries, Moroccan Jews are allowed to maintain close ties to Jews elsewhere, including Israel.

Shultz urges more austerity

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nomy, Shultz told the committee. Half of the emergency aid was turned over to Israel last fall, while the other half is to be disbursed during this year.

The administration lingered over Israel's request for the supplemental aid for months last spring, maintaining that insufficient progress had been made in stabilizing the Israeli economy to warrant additional funds. Shultz, in particular, continued to press for tighter budgetary control, a curb on the printing of new money and other reforms.

At the last moment, the administration requested the aid from Congress, which had already prepared to award Israel the money on its own initiative. The administration's budget for 1987 includes $1.2 billion in economic aid and $1.8 billion in military assistance — the same amount approved by Congress for this fiscal year.

While praising Israel for its adoption of a tight austerity program that has resulted in substantial wage erosion and layoffs, Shultz maintained that further measures were needed.

"Notwithstanding the considerable progress made so far, Israel's stabilization program remains fragile," Shultz told the committee. He pointed, in particular, to "excessive government spending," which, he said, the new Israeli budget "moves in the right direction" to correct.

He also warned against future wage increases and called for a linkage of pay raises to increase in labor productivity.

Claim proves costly

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had sought.

Green was eating at Rety's restaurant in 1982 when he heard the owner argue with a patron who had complained that the veal chops were too tough. Green wrote to chide the restaurant for its poor taste.

Rety, upset with the letter, telephoned Green.

Green testified that Rety cursed him. Rety denied making any ethnic slurs and said he mentioned Green's background only once.

Rety testified: "He said I was a 'crazy Frenchman.' I told him, "I may be a crazy Frenchman. I don't know if you're a crazy Italian, a crazy German or a crazy Jew, but you're crazier than me.'"

After the call, Green wrote a second letter to Rety, on his company's stationery.

Green, then vice-president of Temple Israel of Greater Miami and an active member of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, described the chef as "violent, anti-semitic" in the letter.

"It is quite obvious you hate Jews and don't care to do business with them, so I am going to try my darndest to help you out," said the letter, which soon was on bulletin boards at Jewish-owned condominiums in Dade and Broward counties.

Rety said that he was kicked out of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, that dozens of groups that held luncheons at his reataurant cancelled and that he received threatening telephone calls and bomb threats. He started losing money and eventually wound up in bankruptcy, he told jurors.

Israeli force ends Lebanon search

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Shiite militia and political organization.

The two soldiers were seized after their convoy was ambushed in the Lebanese border security zone by a group calling itself the Islamic Resistance Movement. It is believed to be a front for Hezbullah. They were identified by the IDF as Yossi Fink of Raanona, and Rahamin Alsheich, of Rosh Haayin, both 20 and both yeshiva students doing their military service.

Their captors announced that one of the two had been "executed" because Israel ignored an ultimatum to pull the IDF out of south Lebanon. There was no evidence to confirm this. The whereabouts of the men remains unknown.

The IDF suffered two fatalities in the course of the search operation. A 19-year-old soldier, Sgt. Alon Ben-Shahar of Jerusalem, was killed when Shiite gunmen attacked his unit with bazooka and machinegun fire from an ambush near Sreifa village outside the border security zone. Eight of the attackers were killed in the hour-long skirmish.

On the day the search began, Daniel Amar of Netanya, a 19-year-old navy man, was killed by a sniper who fired at his patrol boat from a Lebanese beach near Tyre.

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Organizations and People

Jewish unity a "burning" subject

Reform, Conservative rabbis hold joint meeting

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
For the first time in the history of their organizations, the official bodies of the Reform and Conservative rabbis of Ontario have held a joint meeting.

About 17 members of the Ontario Region of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) and the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative) gathered recently at Temple Sinai to discuss issues of common concern.

The meeting is an extension of attempts on the national level to establish a more harmonious relationship between the CCAR and the Rabbinical Assembly, says Rabbi Robert Marcus of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

According to Marcus, president of the Ontario Region of the Rabbinical Assembly, and Rabbi Steven Garten, president of the Ontario Region of CCAR, the 1985 Conservative and Reform national conventions exchanged representatives.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut spoke to the Conservative convention and Rabbi Walter Shapiro spoke to the Reform convention, Garten says.

"The local follow-up is to see in what areas we as independent rabbinical groups could get together on," says Marcus, adding, "I think the whole subject of Jewish unity is a burning one now."

Garten reports that although it was only an initial meeting, "to see if there were areas of mutual interest and to clarify some of the issues that had been raised in the two speeches," the participants "felt a commitment not to talk for the sake of talking."

He identifies as a prime concern for both movements the future of Israel, and specifically amendments to the law of return, and the proposed rabbinic court law.

This latter piece of legislation, Garten says, would require questions of Jewish identity to be judged by an Orthodox rabbinic court.

On the level of local concerns, the group discussed the possibility of a joint conversion program; the role of pluralism in the organization of the Jewish community; and professional support for study across denominational lines.

Garten suggested that where the two groups share a similar perspective it might be possible to speak "with one voice" on issues of common Jewish concern in the broader society.

Marcus reports that at a later internal meeting of the Rabbinical Assembly, the members agreed to send a couple of representatives to create a joint sub-committee "to deal with community issues we feel we have a common interest in on a case by case basis."

He added that it is still too early to set up joint institutions.

Garten says the results of the first meeting will be discussed at a national meeting of the Reform rabbis in March before the CCAR Ontario Region nominates its representatives to the joint committee.

Rabbi Steven Garten

Rabbi Robert Marcus

Development set for North York

NORTH YORK —
The government of Ontario and the City of North York have embarked on a unique partnership to develop provincially and municipally owned land in North York, Elinor Caplan, minister of government services announced recently.

The plan calls for 9.5 acres of land at 5000 Yonge St. to be developed by the private sector with the provincial government possibly acquiring some of the office space and the rest being used for mixed commercial and residential use.

"A continuing provincial presence here would, according to the business community, enhance the site's appeal and value as a development opportunity," Caplan said in a news release.

In the first stage of the proposal call, the province will determine the best financial offer for the land. Subsequently, in the second stage, North York will hold a design competition for the development of the land and buildings.

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By MIRIAM CHINSKY

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Thursday, Feb. 27

JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

Irv Cramer, director of Mazon - A Jewish Response to Hunger - will be in Toronto on Thursday, Feb. 27 when he will meet with members of synagogues and community organizations interested in supporting Mazon. The place is Temple Emanu-el, 120 Old Colony Rd., Willowdale. Time is 8 p.m. To inquire further, contact the temple office, 449-3880.

Saturday, March 1

SOVIET VIDEO VIEWS JEWS

Tzavta and B'Nai B'rith will present Hirelings and Accomplices, a video dealing with the Soviet perception of Israel, Zionism and anti-semitism, which was produced and shown in Leningrad. After the screening, **Wally Reinstein,** national Hillel co-ordinator of B'nai B'rith Canada, will lead a discussion on Refusniks and Anti-Semitism in the USSR.

The date is Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m., at the Tzavta Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 158.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

For more details call 736-0977.

TEMPLE SINAI MUSICAL LEGACY

As part of Temple Sinai's Musical Legacy series, and in observance of Jewish Music Month, the Chevrat Torah service takes place in the sanctuary, Saturday, March 1, when special music will be provided by Cantor Severin Weingort and the Temple Sinai Choir, directed by **Ben Steinberg.**

The service begins at 8.15 p.m.

CELEBRATE SCHARANSKY RELEASE

A Toronto celebration in honor of the release of Soviet Refusenik **Anatoly (Natan) Scharansky,** takes place at the Knesset Coffee House, Saturday, March 1, from 9 p.m.to 2 a.m.

The entire young adult Jewish community (20s and 30s) is invited to join with singers, musicians, entertainers and people involved with the release of Scharansky.

The Knesset is located at the North-East JCC, Leslie St., one block north of Steeles. Admission is $5. Free tea and coffee will be served.

For additional information call 633-6149.

NA'AMAT PIONEER WOMEN CLUB TAMAR

Pioneer Women Na'amat Club Tamar is having Trivia Night, 8 p.m., Saturday, March 1 at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.,

There will be prizes galore and refreshments.

Proceeds go to Adopt-a-Child.

Admission including refreshments, is $7.50 per person.

For reservations, call the Pioneer Women's office at 636-5425.

Sunday, March 2

ORTHODOX JEWISH SCIENTISTS

The Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists, in conjunction with Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, presents **Rabbi Yaakov Wiener,** dean of the Joseph Tanenbaum Institute of Research (Institute of Science and Halacha), Jerusalem, on Sunday, March 2 at 8.30 p.m. in Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.

Rabbi Wiener will examine the Application of Modern Technology to Halacha.

There is no charge and everyone is invited.

To inquire further call the shul office, 787-1631 or **Dr. David Nussbaum,** 881-0834.

CHILDREN'S DANCE FESTIVAL

Exhileration will be in the air when 350 children from 22 day schools, synagogues and youth groups participate in the 16th annual Rikudiyah - an Israeli Dance Festival for children.

It will be held on Sunday, March 2 at 2.30 p.m. in the Tait McKenzie main gymnasium at York University, 4700 Keele St.

Visitors arriving by car should enter parking lot D via the Thompson Blvd. entrance off Steeles Ave. to the Tait McKenzie Building. TTC buses leave from the Wilson subway station - York bus 106 or Keele bus 41D.

Out of town groups include those from the Windsor Jewish Community Centre, Temple Anshe Shalom, Hamilton and the London Jewish Community centre.

Join the fun, color and excitement of this Rikudiyah with your family, children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces. . . even someone else's.

Admission is $2.50. Children under 12 are admitted free.

The festival is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and The Board of Jewish Education.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The final preliminary heats of the CZF-sponsored Public Speaking Competition for Youth takes place at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., Sunday, March 2.

At 2.15 p.m., **David Latner** and **Allen Zarnett** will contest a place in the final of category C (ages 23-30); at 4.30 p.m., **Sara Levine, Steven Shulman** and **Mitchel Osak** will contest category B (ages 19-22) and at 8 p.m. it will be the turn of the youngsters in age group 15-18, **Joel Beasley, Amy Freedman** and **Ruth Magder.**

The public is cordially invited to attend.

GIFT AND CRAFT SHOW

Simcha Chapter of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO is sponsoring a Gift and Craft Show, Sunday, March 2, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at 299 Mullen Dr. (Co-op Centre). Admission is $1. There will be refreshments and door prizes for all. Treat yourself. Bring a friend.

Proceeds will help support Hadassim Children's and Youth Village in Israel.

Don't miss this fun-filled afternoon for the whole family.

ISRAELI FOLK SINGING

If you want to warm up in an Israeli atmosphere singing folk songs and meeting Israelis, come to Moadon Hazemer at the JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., 8.30 p.m., Sunday, March 2.

For additional information call **Nira,** 221-3540.

BETH SHOLOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Beth Sholom Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., meets Sunday, March 2 for services and to view a controversial video, Hirelings and Accomplices, produced in the Soviet Union and shown there on TV. Come out to hear what the controversy is all about, and explore it with **Rena Cohen,** chairman of Lifeline Letters, Interreligious Task Force for Human Rights in the Soviet Union, and **Wally Reinstein,** B'nai B'rith Hillel director.

Services are at 9.30 a.m., breakfast follows, and the program begins at 10.30.

SELF-HELP WIDOWS PROGRAM

Self-Help Widows Program for women 55-70, widowed less than two years, meets next 12.30-2 p.m., Sunday, March 2 in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. This supportive service, with twice monthly meetings, is non-sectarian and free of charge. For more information, call 789-5131, ext. 410, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SHALOM DISARMAMENT GROUP

Future Directions of NORAD and Star Wars: Raising the Risks of Nuclear War? is the subject to be explored when the Shalom Disarmament Group meets on Sunday, March 2. The business meeting commences at 7.30 p.m., and the program is at 8.30.

For details phone evenings, **Frieda,** 531-2905 or **Ben,** 782-7968.

KST COUPLES

At the next gathering of Kehillat Shaarei Torah Couples Group, to be held at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 2 in the home of **Hymie** and **Elly** Schwartz, 15 Elkpath Ave., Willowdale, the guest speaker will be **Harold Troper,** co-author of the book, None Is Too Many.

To reserve, call 441-6399.

UNIVERSITY'S 60TH

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, celebrating 60 years of the University's achievement, look on as Eliashiv Ben-Horin, Israel's ambassador to Canada, lights candles at the Ottawa gathering. Ambassador Ben-Horin, who was introduced by Ottawa president Freda L. Paltiel, paid tribute to Israel's mother university. He was followed by Prof. Emanuel Gutman, visiting professor of the Hebrew University and Dr. Khayam Paltiel.

Monday, March 3

CANADIAN WOMEN'S ORT

The new Thornhill ORT chapter will hold its second program on Monday, March 3 at 8 p.m.

As a result of a successful first meeting, the group is organizing a program entitled Women and the Law.

For further information contact **Marcy Gilbert,** 787-0339.

KEHILLAT AHAVAT CHESED

Kehillat Ahavat Chesed's new egalitarian Conservative congregation welcomes you to join its members for an adult study evening with Glendon College **Prof. Stuart Schoenfeld,** who will discuss Toronto's Emergence As Canada's Largest Jewish Community.

He will consider the growth and development of the community over the past 15 years and how decisions here affect the national Jewish scene.

This takes place 8 p.m., Monday, March 3 at 45 Elderwood (east off Bathurst, south of Eglinton).

SKILL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The third in a series of Planner and Programmers Skill Development Workshops organized by the Adult Education Institute of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, Toronto Jewish Congress, is scheduled for Monday, March 3.

The workshops are designed for people who work with committees in Jewish organizations.

Management consultant **Arthur Benjamin** will lead the March 3 workshop, Getting the Most from Volunteer Committees: Practical Tips and Techniques.

Participants are invited to the supper served at 5.45 p.m. The workshop begins at 6.50 p.m.

Registration fee is $10 including supper and $3 for registration only. To reserve a supper place call 635-2883, ext.154 as soon as possible.

Tuesday, March 4

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at 8.15 p.m. in the boardroom of the Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St. The study portion will be Amos, chapters 1 and 2, with **Prof. Eva Dessen.**

The group operates under the auspices of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. To inquire further, telephone 635-2883, ext. 151.

BIALIK MEETING

A meeting of the Gala Dinner committee is slated for 12.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, in the boardroom of Bialik Hebrew Day School. (Bring your own lunch.)

Come prepared to offer suggestions for the Gala Dinner to honor the past chairman of Bialik's board of directors, which will be held at the Borochov Centre, Sunday, April 20.

To make inquiries call **Nadine,** 783-3346.

CHAPLAINCY RECRUITMENT

Everything You Wanted To Know About Chaplaincy But Were Afraid To Ask, is a chaplaincy volunteer recruitment evening, 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 4 in the Lipa Green Building, Room 423, 4600 Bathurst St.

On hand to answer your questions will be director of chaplaincy services Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg; chaplaincy volunteer co-ordinator, **Ruth Resnick;** volunteers, **Donna Koffman** and **Sylvia Wolfson.**

For further information call **Linda** or **Ruth,** 635-2883, ext. 169.

Wednesday, March 5

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The first field trip of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Toronto is A Tour of the Toronto Jewish Congress Archives with **Stephen Speisman, Wednesday, March 5 at 7.30 p.m.**

Meet on the 4th floor of the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Everyone is welcome! Call Rayzel Robinson at 667-3647 for more information.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Learn some basic techniques and a new vocabulary at a Basketry Workshop to be conducted by **Judy Dan** during the next meeting of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles, Toronto chapter, which is set for 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 5 in Holy Blossom Temple Youth Lounge, 1950 Bathurst St.

SELF-HELP WIDOWERS PROGRAM

Self-Help Widowers Program is scheduled next for 7.30-9.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5 in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

This supportive service is non-sectarian, free of charge and open to men over 55 years of age, widowed less than two years. Membership in the Wagman Centre is not required.

Meetings are held every second Wednesday.

For additional details call 789-5131, ext. 2269, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

ILEITIS AND COLITIS

Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis Toronto Chapter, invites you to an open meeting on The Research Activities of the Intestinal Disease Research Unit, with **Dr. Stephen Collins** of McMaster University.

The meeting is at 8 p.m., Thursday, March 6 in the auditorium of Toronto Western Hospital.

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399 Bathurst St. and all are welcome.

Refreshments will be served.

KALANIT PIONEER WOMEN

Na'amat Pioneer Women's Kalanit Club (ages 25-37) invites young career women for an evening of entertainment on Thursday, March 6 at 7.30 p.m.

Cantor **Marshall Reiss** will discuss and demonstrate Israeli and Chassidic music.

For information and directions call 636-5425 days and 787-1069 evenings and weekends.

The group looks forward to meeting new members.

TEHILLA AND MIZRACHI

Tehilla-Union for Religious Aliya and Mizrachi Organization of Canada, are sponsoring a public lecture 8.30 p.m., Thursday, March 6 at Ulpanat Orot, 45 Canyon Ave. (one block north of Sheppard just east of Bathurst).

Harav Yisrael Lau, chief rabbi of Netanya, will talk on Israel - Noah's Ark of the Jewish People.

To inquire about Tehilla, call **Sharon,** 781-2987.

And What Else Is New...

PASSOVER ON WHEELS

For the third consecutive year, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living presents Passover On Wheels to patients/residents in care facilities.

Nutritious kosher meals, including a main course, two vegetables, a cuplet of wine and dessert, at a cost of $3.75 each, may be ordered for the full eight days or for as few as one or two days.

Patients/residents must order and pay for the meals before receiving this service. Close-off date for ordering is April 4. For further information contact **Beverley Vollick,** 225-2112.

VOLUNTEERS FOR 3½ YEAR OLD

Volunteers to help in a patterning-like program for a 3½-year old autistic little girl who lives in the Bathurst St.-Centre Ave. area of Thornhill, are urgently needed and would be very much appreciated.

The schedule is 10 a.m., 11 a.m. or 4 p.m., seven days a week. Any time commitment you can offer will be very helpful.

Please call 731-7598.

BETH AMI ONEG SHABBAT

Beth Ami Congregation will hold Oneg Shabbat services at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28 in Trinity United Church, Main St., Newmarket.

For additional information call 833-0096 or 775-4309.

PURIM CARDS

Celebrate the mitzvah of matanot l'evyonim (gifts for the poor) by sending Purim cards to your family and friends.

All proceeds go to the Educational Fund for Ethiopian Jewry, which supports contemporary religious education of Ethiopian Jews in Israel.

Please contact **Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 789-3213 or Rhonda,** 787-6535.

MISSISSAUGANS TAKE NOTE

The annual Bet Sefer Solel - religious school - Zimriyah (song festival), under the guidance of music director **Susan Baskin,** will be held following Solel Congregation's 7.30 p.m. family service, Friday, Feb. 28, in the synagogue, 2399 Folkway Dr.

On Sunday, Mar. 2, at 8 p.m., Solel Congregation in co-operation with B'nai B'rith Canada, presents journalist **Erna Paris,** author of Unhealed Wounds: France and the Klaus Barbie Affair, who will speak on the topic, From the Dreyfus Affair to the Klaus Barbie Affair. For information call 820-5915.

March 21-23, the Solel Senior Youth Group is hosting a weekend to include senior youth groups from Rochester, Niagara Falls and Ottawa. Discussion will focus on Fundamentalism. To make inquiries call **Ella,** 820-9930.

ISRAEL PHILATELY

Canadian Association for Israel Philately, incorporating the Jan Bart Study Group, looks forward to a lecture by **Boris Margau** on Basics of Collecting with Illustrations of the Queen's Portrait in Canada and Great Britain.

This is planned for 7.30 p.m., Sunday, March 10, in the Jewish Community Centre committee board room, 4588 Bathurst St.

CAFIP meets every second Monday of the month (except July and August), 7.30 p.m., at the JCC. For further information write to president **Dr. Mitchell Levine,** 159 Willowdale Ave., Willowdale, M2N 4Y7.

CHILDREN'S CONCERTS

Mark these dates on your calendar for Temple Sinai Nursery School fund raising concerts - Sunday, April 6, two shows with **Fred Penner,** 1 and 3.30 p.m. and Sunday, May 11, two Polka Dot Door shows, also 1 and 3.30 p.m.

Tickets, $5 each, are available in the school office, or at the door.

BETH TZEDEC MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Beth Tzedec Museum has opened a new exhibit of recently acquired Jewish artifacts.

On display are original **Chagall** lithographs and other paintings and prints; old Bibles, prayerbooks and rabbinic compilations; wedding invitations in Spanish from Tangier, Morocco and letters from yeshivot of Poland and Lithuania. Also on view are newly acquired Holocaust memorabilia - albums and photographs, documents and military insignia from World War II.

The exhibit continues until March 15.

SHALOM VILLAGE

Here is a list of March events at Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St., in Hamilton.

Talented youngsters from the Suzuki School of Music will play their violins and flutes at 2.30 p.m., Sunday, March 2.

On Tuesday, March 4 at 7.30 p.m., **Marie Preston,** a senior volunteer with the planning committee for the Department of Aging at McMaster University, will speak on Live Long and Like It.

Bryna Wasserman will present a slide show on Ethiopian Jews in Israel, 7.30 p.m., Thursday, March 6.

Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m., cellist **Ayella Seidelman** and pianist **Rebecca Marton,** entertain. Miss Seidelman will play the Voldi Double Concerto for cello.

The Heritage Players from Toronto's Baycrest Centre perform a Purim play, 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 12.

Hear the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir during Simcha Sunday, 2 p.m., March 16.

Thursday, March 20 at 7.30 p.m., the Jewish Philosophy Series continues with **Rabbi Itkin** speaking on Purim.

Every Saturday at 3 p.m., **Rena Fruman offers Yiddish readings.**

Bingo, organized by volunteers Neuley Howard and **Lil Liebovitz,** is every Monday and Wednesday night.

Other activities include exercises with **Sam Langsner** and **Bernie Burg,** mosaic tile with **Carol Smith** and **Anna Lalli,** current events, **Mark Nagler,** ceramics, **Anne Gluckstein,** bowling, **Lou Berenbaum,** Circle of Friends, **Lester** and **Carol Krames,** Saturday night movies, sing songs with **Syd Levy,** crafts and card games.

All programs are open to people in the community. For more information call 528-5377.

HAMILTON HEBREW ACADEMY

A Social Evening with a 60s theme is the fund-raising project of the PTA at Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

There will be food, a complimentary bar, and nostalgic music provided by Neon Rose.

This all takes place 8.30 p.m., Saturday, March 15 at Adas Israel Synagogue, 125 Cline St. S. in Hamilton.

For tickets at $30 per couple, telephone 528-0330. (A tax receipt for $15 is available).

JIGSAW PLAY

Jigsaw, a 1-act play by **Carol Libman,** takes a satirical look at what happens when "Everywoman" meets the nuclear age.

Directed by **Lindi Papoff,** Jigsaw is running to March 8, Wednesdays through Saturdays only, 9 p.m., at the Ritz Cafe Theatre, 7A Charles St. W.

For reservations or information, call 536-0471.

STUDENTS AGAINST TERRORISM

On Tuesday, March 11, join with Jewish students and young adults from across Canada for the Ottawa Lobby Day Against Terrorism.

Participants will join in an anti-terror program and meeting with federal members of parliament in Ottawa.

Briefings will be held to prepare students for their lobbying sessions.

Bus transportation will be arranged from Toronto and Montreal.

To inquire further contact Jewish Students Network Canada, 928-9160.

AM ECHAD ACTIVITIES

Through Am Echad Congregation, daytime Hebrew pre-school classes held in the home for two to four children, are now open for registration. Call In-Home Hebrew, 731-8458.

Foster Grandparenting Program is looking for seniors. Volunteers are needed to participate in its companion program, organization and on the executive board. Please call 889-1502.

Daytime Hebrew classes for women are being held on Wednesdays. To join or host the class, call 731-8458.

Those new to Toronto and interested in meeting other couples, are invited to join the first Am Echad 1986 Dinner Group, to be hosted by **Lillian Cooper,** at 5.30 p.m., Sunday, March 9. Cost is $12 per couple. Telephone 787-7830 to reserve.

High Holiday tickets are now on sale. Conservative services will be held in the new Markham Theatre at Highway 7 west of 404. Limited seating is available. Special sponsor and box seating may be had on request. Call **L. Cohen,** 738-1531 to reserve seats.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes to be taught with the aid of a computer can make the learning of Hebrew particularly enjoyable. For more information call 731-8458.

Yiddish Study, an In-Home course, is now being taught to children and adults. Emphasis is on Yiddish reading, comprehension and appreciation. Call 731-8458 for further details.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COURSES

Think spring! At Bathurst Heights Library, 3170 Bathurst St. (north of Lawrence Ave.), there will be a 5-session course on Spring Gardening with **Wesley Porter,** at 9.30 p.m., Thursdays, March 6 to April 7. Please pre-register. Cost is $15.

St. John Ambulance Association offers its "Lifesaver" first aid course for ages 9 and over. The course emphasizes how to help a person who is choking, bleeding or suffering from shock and how to get help quickly. Locations are Don Mills Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E., Friday, March 14, 9.30 a.m.-noon, and Flemingdon Park Library, 29 St. Dennis Dr., Thursday, March 6, 4-7 p.m. Please pre-register. This is free.

CHASSIDIC SONG FESTIVAL

Reserve now for the Chassidic Song Festival starring singer **Avraham Fried** accompanied by the Nafshenu Orchestra, and also featuring comedian **Moshe Weiner,** 7.30 p.m., Sunday, March 9, in Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College, at Don Mills and Finch.

This is under the auspices of Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, and tickets are available at Lubavitch Community Centre, Israel's, Ma-Tov, Negev and Pardes.

For additional information call 731-7000.

HEBREW COURSES

Registration is open at Keren Hatarbut Institute, 788 Marlee Ave. for beginner, intermediate and advanced adult and teen courses in Hebrew Language. The beginners' courses use the audio visual method.

For consultation and registration, call executive director, **Joseph Klinger,** 787-0197.

WALK FOR ISRAEL

Have the winter blues got you down? Help is on the way!

Just think ahead to Sunday, May 18, the day of the United Jewish Appeal Walk for Israel.

The date coincides with Yom Ha'atzmaut, and the organizing committee once again headed by chairmen **Bobby Katz** and **Larry Shapiro,** plans many activities and tie-ins to celebrate Israel's 38th birthday.

The route remains unchanged, but what is new is the broadened scope of the festival at the final checkpoint, the Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst St.

There will be food and drink and many special attractions for the small fry - carnival rides, clowns, games - as well as arts and crafts and Israel-oriented booths for adults and children.

The festival is for everyone, participants as well as non-participants in the walk.

Volunteers will be needed for a variety of duties. It's not too early to sign on. Just call UJA Walk for Israel headquarters at 635-2883, ext. 158 or 118.

Forget about the dreary weather and focus on Sunday, May 18.

ALPHA OMEGA WOMEN

Alpha Omega Women Go Las Vegas, a night for dinner, dancing, prizes and of course, gaming, is set for Saturday, April 5 at Richmond Hill Country Club.

This fund raising event of Alpha Omega Women, the auxiliary of Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, will be co-chaired by **Cheryl Hafner** and **Andrea Blumenfeld,** who, in addition to planning for the evening, are gathering advertisements for a commemorative book which will provide the bulk of the proceeds. Anyone interested in advertising is asked to call **Ellen Isakow,** 787-1900.

In the past, Alpha Omega Women have funded such projects as, Dental Volunteers for Israel Clinic, University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry, The Association for the Blind in Herzlia, Bloorview Children's Hospital and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

For ticket information regarding the April 5 event, call **Anne Fox,** 881-4657.

CONCERT TO AID HOSPITAL

Classical Ragtime pianist and composer **John Arpin** will play a benefit concert for Women's College Hospital, 7.30 p.m., Sunday, March 23, in Roy Thomson Hall.

From classical to contemporary, Arpin's program gives the listener an exciting perspective of music from the turn of the century to the present.

Women's College Hospital is unique in that it originated out of a need for a facility in which women physicians could practise. Established in 1911, this is its 75th anniversary.

Ticket prices for the concert range from $8-$20, and are available from **Sandra Thwaites,** 966-8823.

JEWS IN ARAB LANDS

Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Brotherhood Luncheon is scheduled for 11 a.m., Sunday, March 9 in the synagogue, 20 Danby Ave.

At that time, **Sarah Taib Carlen,** Ontario chairperson for the Committee of Jews in Arab Lands, will speak in French on Jews in Arab Lands.

Cost is $6 per person. Telephone 636-4719 by March 7, to reserve.

PURIM DANCE-PARTY

It's going to be a great Purim dance-party with music, refreshments and prizes prizes prizes, (especially for best costumes) 8 p.m., Sunday, March 23 in Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrooke Ave.

And there will be a special grand draw prize for which only guests prepaid by March 18 are eligible.

Admission is $5 for adults in costume, $6 not in costume, $3 for students in costume, $3.50 not in costume.

Singles, swingles, students, grads, don't miss this party with fun for all ages.

To inquire about tickets call the shul office, 782-4495.

WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

An International Women's Music Festival dedicated to renowned cellist **Jacqueline du Pre,** is being arranged for June 23-28 in Beersheba, Israel.

The festival, which will celebrate women's contributions to all fields of music, is to be a week long, round-the-clock experience encompassing symposia and workshops, a film festival, recitals, concerts, jam sessions, cabarets and folksinging.

It was conceived and is being directed by journalist-musician **Liora Moriel.**

JEWISH MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

The next Jewish Marriage Enrichment

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POLICIES DONATED

Sam Sable, Morris Kaufman and Kurt Rothschild (seated from left) discuss insurance policies which they donated to the United Jewish Welfare Fund-Toronto Jewish Congress Bequest and Endowment Fund. Steven Ain, executive director of Toronto Jewish Congress, looks on.

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Weekend begins Saturday, March 29 after Shabbat and ends Monday, March 31 in the evening. Meals are strictly kosher.

Jewish Marriage Enrichment, its organizers say, is for couples of all ages who want to grow in their marriage. It is not a problem solving session nor is it marriage counseling. It is designed for couples who are committed to live with each other for the rest of their lives.

The emphasis during the weekend is on communication between husband and wife. Without everyday distractions they concentrate on communicating with each other.

You may attend an Information Night held in your area. For dates of Information Nights and scheduled weekends call 881-7940 or 731-2884.

at the jcc

Jewish Community Centre 20s and 30s, in conjunction with the Task Force group, will be having a Trivia War on Sunday, March 2, at 8 p.m. in the Teen Lounge, 4588 Bathurst St. Cost is $2 for members, $3, non-members. For more information call **Elizabeth Sokolsky** or **Helen Wolfe** at 636-1880, (TTY 636-5510).

The JCC of Toronto proudly presents the opening ceremonies kicking off its Disability Awareness Week. Opening the week will be **Elinor Caplan,** Ontario minister of government services. You are invited to be in the front foyer of the JCC, Northern Branch, Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. A cocktail reception follows the program. To inquire further call 636-1880, ext. 239, (TTY 636-5510).

Come out and cheer on your team Monday, March 3 at 8 p.m. in the main gym of the JCC Northern Branch, when the JCC Almost All-Stars meet the Bloorview team in an exhibition wheelchair floor hockey game. Sports writer **Al Sokol** will officiate.

Parent Education sessions (How do we shape our children's attitudes toward people with disabilities?) are planned for Tuesday, March 4 at 9.30 a.m. in Room 208 and again at 1 p.m. in Room 212, at the JCC Northern Branch. The film, Two Way Street, will be followed by a discussion. For more details call 636-1880, ext. 239, (TTY 636-5510).

singles

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And, please remember that items for the Singles column will only be accepted by mail or delivery to the office, not over the telephone!

Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., hosts the Floating Singles Congregation, Friday, March 14 at 8 p.m. Speaker **Noam Zion** will consider Conversion: The Debate on Who Is a Jew? Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Jewish Union Book Club is expanding. The next meeting is slated for Sunday, April 6 at 1.30 p.m. when there will be a discussion and review on **Bernard Malamud's** recent novel, God's Grace (paperback edition). If you are interested, phone **Mark,** 783-0831, days only, **Robert,** 486-1865 or **Jerry,** 787-4352, week nights, 7-9 p.m.

Jerry Brodie will join **Machar (Tomorrow)** to give pointers on Relaxation and Stress, 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 5 in Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Admission, including refreshments, is $2 for members, $4, non-members.

Beth Tikvah Chai Singles is organizing a deluxe Independence Day Israel Tour, May 5-19. Join a congenial group for a great holiday. Cost is $2,145 per person, Canadian funds (Israel bonds accepted as payment). Call **Roni,** 630-3932 or **Estelle,** 665-0744.

Can you remember perfectly what happened 10 years ago, but not where you put your keys? Come and find out why, and what you can do about it. **40 Plus Singles Holy Blossom Temple,** 1950 Bathurst St., gathers next at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 2, to hear a lecture by therapist and educator **Denise Altschul,** whose topic will be, You Can Improve Your Memory. Admission is $2 for members, $3, non-members. Refreshments will be served.

JCC VAlley Singles brush up on your curling with a bonspiel at Bayview Golf and Country Club (25 Bayview Fairway Heights — north-west corner of Leslie and Steeles), 6.30-9 p.m., Sunday, March 1. After the bonspiel, come to the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., for a wine and cheese party. Price is $7.50 for curling and the party ($5 must be paid in advance for curling, $4 for the party only.) RSVP to **Jodi Sherman** or **Sally Kerbel,** at the Valley office, 889-0813, to reserve your spot for curling.

Please note that exhibitions will be set up for beginner players, and games for the more seasoned.

JCC Northern Branch Singles 40 Plus meets 7.30 p.m., Monday, March 3 in the Downstairs Lounge, 4588 Bathurst St., for a program in conjunction with the **JCC Task Force,** What Do You Say After You Say Hello. Cost to JCC Members is $1, non-members, $2.

Na'amat Pioneer Women Club Dafna invites all single women, mid-20s to early 30s, to attend its next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 27. A program on Colors and Fashions will follow. To inquire further call **Sandi,** 222-8553.

for seniors

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Senior Volunteers in Public Service (Senior VIP Service) a specialized service of the Volunteer Centre of Metropolitan Toronto, promotes volunteerism among older adults. It is expanding its Volunteer Speakers' Committee whose members talk to employees and the general community about the volunteer option during retirement.

Potential members of the committee should be interested in public speaking and have experience in volunteer work. Volunteers will receive training to develop confidence and improve their presentation and speaking skills. Training will begin on March 5.

If you are interested in getting involved, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., reminds you that its programs are still going strong through the winter months. Don't forget the drama group directed by **Nat Garnick,** which is so much fun every Monday, 1-3 p.m. On Thursday, March 6 at 1 p.m., there will be a bingo. Two cards are included with admission, and of course there will be prizes. Coffee will be served. Cost is $1 for members, $1.50 for non-members.

Everyone must reserve for the Musicalle Luncheon with mezzo soprano Ruth Slater, planned for 12.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, by **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50,** 1700 Bathurst St. Cost is $5.50. Telephone 781-3511.

The **Senior Sinais** of Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., will hold their meeting on Tuesday, March 4 at 1 p.m., with entertainment by singer and guitarist, **Bluma.** For information call 226-3252.

Jubilee Club would like you to make a note of this date, Sunday, March 16. You are invited to attend the opening meeting - a festive afternoon of entertainment and refreshments. Admission is $1.50 for Jubilee members, $2.50, guests. Additional information will be provided at a later date. To inquire now, call 636-5872 or 665-1768.

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave., offers a **Good Age Club** to interested members of the community. A Thursday afternoon Drop-In providing a social and informative program meets at 2 p.m. and all are welcome. Yearly membership dues are $5, and weekly dues are 50¢ for members, 75¢, non-members. Refreshments are served. For more information contact **Florence Marantz** or **Annette Anker,** 924-6211.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 Plus and on your own, will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 27 in the Music Room. Come and meet new friends and participate in a discussion, For Better Health and Lifestyle.

On Thursday, March 6, the Health Information lectures continue with a talk on Food Additives - Are They Helpful or Harmful? by dietitian **Paula Ruch.**

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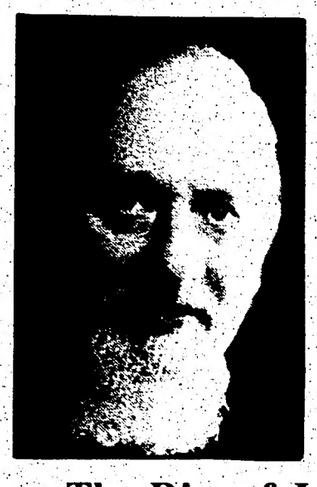

Chief Rabbi Sir Immanuel Jakobovits
Chief Rabbi, United Hebrew Congregations of the British Commonwealth

Author: *Jewish Medical Ethics* and *"If only my People ..." Zionism in my Life*

The Rise of Jewish Fundamentalism: A Theological Perspective
Lecture: Sunday, March 9, 8 p.m.
Medical Science Auditorium
1 King's College Circle

Jewish Medical Ethics & the Generation of Life: Abortion and In-Vitro Fertilization
Seminar: Monday, March 10, 3 p.m.
University College, Room 179
15 King's College Circle

The Relationship between Diaspora Jews and Israel: on What Terms?
Lecture: Monday, March 10, 8 p.m.
George Ignatieff Theatre, Larkin Bldg., 15 Devonshire Pl.
(one block east of St. George, between Bloor & Hoskins)

Members of the staff, students and the public are cordially invited.

CJC Ontario pilot project proves successful

Political liaison committees made permanent

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
In May, 1985, the Ontario regional executive of Canadian Jewish Congress voted to make permanent a pilot project that saw spokesmen for Congress visit 40 provincial and federal ridings during the course of two elections.

The project — formation of political liaison committees — was designed to enable Congress to communicate its concerns to a wide variety of politicians, and because of the unexpected election campaigns, it had a rather auspicious debut.

Originally designed as part of a long term lobby effort, the PLCs were compelled, in rapid-fire succession, to involve themselves in a federal election, a provincial election and two leadership conventions.

There was no shortage of work for the newly constituted PLCs. They met with MPs, MPPs and candidates from all three major parties to apprise them of the positions and concerns of the Jewish community on a variety of issues — among them hate literature, funding for Jewish education and Soviet Jewry.

Less than a year later, CJC Ontario Region executive considered the PLCs' accomplishments so satisfactory that it voted to make the committees permanent. Quebec Region of CJC is now looking into adopting political liaison committees, whose origins can be traced back to similar committees in British Columbia.

With the hectic election work behind them, the PLCs have settled into the routine they were originally intended for — the continued, long term, informal communication with provincial and federal politicians at the grassroots level.

Eric Slavens, one of three co-chairmen of the PLCs and a staunch Conservative, is quick to point out the PLCs are "non-partisan" in nature. He notes his fellow committee chairmen, Arlene Perly-Rae and Phil Unger, are associated with the New Democrats and Liberals, respectively.

And the committees themselves consist of supporters of all three major parties, who put aside their partisan views to present the position approved by CJC.

The PLCs, consisting of groups of from two to six people, meet with a politician to present the position set out in an issue paper prepared by Congress or the Canada-Israel Committee, the lobby group of the Jewish community on matters affecting Israel, Slavens says.

The co-chairmen of the political liaison committee at a recent meeting, (from left) Arlene Perly Rae, Eric Slavens and Philip Unger. Standing is Fredelle Brief, Congress staffperson. [Graphic Artists photo]

Where the PLCs differ from traditional lobbying efforts is in the broader scope of its targets. Instead of concentrating on cabinet ministers and others at the top of the political pyramid, PLCs work "at the grassroots," meeting with federal and provincial backbenchers, Slavens says.

"You just can't go running" when there are problems, Slavens points out. Instead, the informal meetings with the politicians create a convivial atmosphere so that the "comfort level becomes stronger all the time."

As a result, the members of PLCs and the politicians can "develop a relationship" and hold informal talks "at his office...in a restaurant."

It's in that friendly atmosphere that the MP or MPP will be apprised of the concerns of the Jewish community on a wide range of issues.

"It's more of an attitudinal thing," Slavens says. Over the long term, the hoped-for result is that the average MP or MPP will become familiar with the issues behind an event, such as a terrorist attack, and will be more sensitive to the position of the Jewish community.

Two high profile PLC activities were cocktail receptions at the Lipa Green Building, where federal and provincial politicians met with Congress executives, toured the facilities of the building and were familiarized with the community's activities, Slavens says.

CJC committees are now preparing papers for the PLCs, Slavens adds, containing the position of Congress on a variety of issues.

Tackling hate propaganda is one such issue, as is continuing efforts to help Soviet Jews.

At the provincial level, prosecution of Nazi war criminals, the prevalence of hate literature, the funding of Jewish education as well as the question of deinstitutionalization of mental patients are topics of concern.

Because the PLCs are interested in meeting as many politicians as possible in as many ridings as possible, the committees are constantly looking for more "new blood," Slavens says.

For more information, contact Fredelle Brief, the CJC staff person working with the committees, at (416) 635-2883.

Family Law Reform Act will be topic of seminar

TORONTO —
The Women's Perspective Advisory Committee will hold a family law seminar on March 1 at the Westin Hotel to discuss the implications of the recently passed Family Law Reform Act.

The seminar, the first of its kind geared to the general public, is scheduled for the day on which the Act takes effect, says Gloria Pollock, chairwoman of the event.

Keynote speaker will be provincial Attorney-General Ian Scott, whose morning address will be followed by a panel discussion on the Act and later by a series of afternoon workshops on five aspects of the new legislation.

Moderating the morning panel will be Barbara Landau, lawyer, psychologist and mediator, with panel participants John Syrtash, a family law lawyer involved in the question of gets, Mary Jane Mossman, assistant dean of Osgoode Hall Law School and family law lawyers Linda Silver Dranoff and Rodica David.

Five workshops will be offered during the afternoon, some simultaneously, Pollock states. Charlotte Haber will moderate a workshop on financial planning, property division and the effect of the FLRA on businesses, partnerships and tax. Participating in the workshop will be Syrtash, Howard Rosen, Barbara Gorey, Phil Epstein and Stephen Cole.

A second workshop on the psychological effect of the legislation on the family will feature Robert McWhinney, Joy McGrath and Landau, while a workshop on pensions and wills include participants Susan Greer, Donna Cappon and Mary Louise Dickson.

Alan Poole and Rodica David will lead a workshop on marriage and prenuptial contracts, while Poole and Carole Curtis will participate in a panel on support and enforcement.

At mid-day, WPAC will hold the Margaret Campbell Luncheon to raise funds for female Liberal Party candidates.

Cost for the day is $35 (before Feb. 20) and $40 after Feb. 20, exclusive of the luncheon. With the luncheon, cost is $90 before Feb. 20 , $100 afterwards.

To preregister, send check to Women's Perspective, Suite 310, 10 St. Mary St., Toronto, M4Y 1P9. Registration will also be held at 8.30 a.m. on March 1, Pollack says. However she notes the seminar is limited to approximately 480 people.

Gladman to head BB field services

TORONTO —
Pearl Gladman will assume the new position of national director of field services of B'nai B'rith Canada, Morris Flicht, the organization's chairman of personnel, has announced.

As national director of field services, Gladman will be responsible for ensuring that the national programs of B'nai B'rith Canada, League for Human Rights, International Affairs Cabinet and Community Volunteer Services will be carried out effectively in the regions.

She will assume supervisory responsibility for the professionals in the field across the country.

"Pearl Gladman has been involved with all facets of B'nai B'rith Canada throughout her seven years on staff. She has a talent for interacting with people and for getting tasks accomplished," said Flicht. "These qualities will serve her well as the coordinator of our expanding regional operations."

Gladman joined the staff of B'nai B'rith Canada in 1980 and has served the organization in various positions including executive assistant to the executive vice-president. She has worked extensively with B'nai B'rith volunteers across the country and coordinated the administrative operations of the organization.

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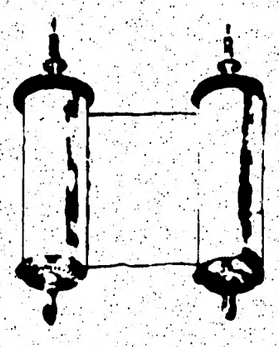

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Kee Teesa

A Jew has to know his own neshama. We have to know what we are doing — and **why** we are doing.

Reb Chaim Chaikel of Amdor used to fast from Sabbath to Sabbath.

One Friday night, Reb Chaim welcomed Shabbat with special, fiery ardor — an excitement that came from Heaven. He wondered to himself: "Where did I get this excitement, from my neshama that craves Shabbat — or my body that's exulting to get its food?"

To make certain, Reb Chaim ate only a minimal olive amount of challah that night — and left his full Shabbat meal for the next morning. . . . Otzar Chaim)

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How can a Jewish neshama survive without Shabbat? Every Jew is blessed with a neshama yeseirah — an extra, burning soul.

Consider . . . taught our rabbis: if the Jewish people would keep just two Sabbaths in a row, they would immediately be redeemed!

The Torah also commands: "Ach et Shabtotai tishmoru — But my Sabbaths (plural) shalt you keep!

What are the two Sabbaths that a Jew should honor?

Taught the Holy Baal Shem Tov: When a Jew makes havdalah at the end of one Sabbath, he should immediately feel the holiness of the next Sabbath descend on him. This way he keeps two Sabbaths at one time. . . .

Added the shearit Menachem: What are the two Sabbaths? The Sabbath of rest, and the Sabbath of holiness. A Jew shouldn't rest on Sabbath so he can work during the week — he should work during the week so he can truly honor the Sabbath!

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Who can measure the holiness of Sabbath?

When the Jews received the mitzvah of observing and honoring the Sabbath, G-d confided to Moses: "I have a precious gift in my treasure-house, and Sabbath is its name. Go! Tell them its value!"

Why was the Almighty so concerned that they should know?

But a poor man entered the home of Reb Schmelke of Nicklesburg and begged for a donation. The rabbi had no ready cash, so he gave away his wife's gold ring, with a precious stone in it.

The rebbitzen became aware of his gift, and protested: "That ring was valuable — worth 25 gold pieces! A fortune!"

Reb Schmelke immediately ran after the poor man. The man thought that Reb Schmelke had reconsidered his gift and ran even faster, until the rabbi caught up with him. "You should know," he told the poor man, "that the ring is worth so much and so much — make sure you don't sell it cheaply!"

The next Sabbath, the rabbi expounded to his congregation: G-d wanted the Jews to know the value of the Sabbath so they should not sell it away cheap, waste it, blow it on worthless pastimes.

A Jew would nurse holiness out of Shabbat, like a baby nurses milk from its mother's breast.

Sabbath, what will be with you? Every Jew is married to you! Even when we are out skiing, even when we are behind cash-registers, even when we sleep in and watch cartoons, even when we fly to the Caribbean and Mediterranean. . . . In the secret places of the heart, you Sabbath, sings to the Jewish soul:

Here I am! Sanctify yourself — with me.

May holiness descend upon us easy as ABC — Good Shabbos.

Support network helps in move

Aliya group for religious formed

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

A support group for religious people considering aliya has formed in Toronto to create a network with religious Jews in Israel.

The Tehilla Group — an acronym for movement for religious aliya — was set up five years ago in Israel by volunteers, religious olim who wanted to reach out to religious Jews in the Diaspora who had an interest in moving to Israel and settling there.

At present, Tehilla has branches in the United States, England, South Africa and many other countries. More than 3,000 families in Israel belong to the organization which has many ongoing programs, newsletters, hospitality for visitors and other information services.

Spearheading the Toronto Tehillah Group is Sharon Benzioni, the wife of Moshe Benzioni, the recently appointed vice-consul for Israel in Toronto.

Sharon Benzioni can understand the many considerations involved in making the decision to move to Israel. She made aliya in 1973. After completing her studies at Brooklyn College in New York City, she went to study at the Weizmann Institute.

Completing her Master's degree in plant genetics, she worked at the Hadassah Hospital in human genetics and as a part-time tour guide in Israel.

"In our family, there are 13 grandchildren," she says, "and everyone of us made aliya — the entire family."

Involved in the formation of Tehilla arre (from left) Jewish Agency shaliach Aharon Abromovich, Sonia Abromovich, Sharon Benzioni and Moshe Benzioni.

Moshe Benzioni made aliya in 1972 after receiving a degree in history from City College in New York. After he completed a Master's degree in Jewish history and served in the Israeli army, he joined the foreign ministry.

In 1983, Sharon and Moshe met in Israel and married. Soon after, the young diplomat and his bride went to Istanbul to accept his first post as vice-consul.

Soon after the couple's arrival in Canada last September, Sharon Benzioni realized that there were many observant people here who were interested in knowing more about making aliya and wanted to make contact with the appropriate people in Israel.

In November, she arranged the first meeting of Tehilla and Yitzchak Tevet, the head of the international Tehilla Group, was the guest speaker.

"We were delighted with the response," says Sharon. "With the help of the shaliach aliya for the Jewish Agency Aharon Abromovich, the 30 people who attended and ranged from students to retirees, began communicating with Israel."

She notes that the group now includes doctors, lawyers, an educator and business people. Many have already been linked up with people of similar backgrounds in Israel.

At their monthly meetings, the group brings in speakers who talk on relevant subjects including types of religious settlements, the problem of leaving family behind, retirement, and the practical aspects of settling in Israel.

"We have a social support group and we are able to discuss and share our problems, our experiences, and voice our apprehension," she adds.

Tehilla members are encouraged to write to each other and when an individual or family makes aliya, they already have friends and a support system.

The Tehilla Group organizes subsidized pilot tours to Israel in conjunction with the Jewish Agency, geared to the needs of religious people. On these tours, people can see potential housing, visit different communities and explore job or business opportunities at meetings that have been prearranged.

Sharon says that one of the most gratifying projects of Tehilla, is their hospitality link. "You are invited to the homes of Tehilla members in Israel who reach out to help you. You have the opportunity to spend Shabbat in different communities, and this helps you find the community and people who fit your lifestyle."

The Israeli outreach program is also available to members who go on a visit to Israel on their own. There are offices in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. And when members make aliya, they are "adopted" by Tehilla members in Israel who help guide them through the transition and often remain friends with the family.

"We now have a Tehilla Group for singles," says Sharon. "And many of the olim who were helped through Tehilla become volunteers in the Israeli group."

The next meeting of the Toronto Tehilla Group, co-sponsored with the Mizrachi Organization of Canada, will take place at 8.30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Ulpanot Orot, 45 Canyon Ave.

The topic for the evening is, Israel — Noah's Ark of the Jewish People; Can Tehilla be the Bridge to the Ark? The guest speaker will be Rabbi Yisrael Lau, the Chief Rabbi of Natanya. Everyone is welcome.

For more information about the Tehilla movement, write to Moshe Benzioni, Israel Consulate, 180 Bloor St. W., Suite 700, Toronto M5S 2V6, or call (416) 961-1126.

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Any member of the Jewish community in Ontario may nominate up to three delegates, including himself.

Delegates to the Plenary must qualify for election in accordance with the By Laws of the Canadian Jewish Congress, which provide that, "no person shall be elected as a delegate, officer or committee member of the Congress unless such person shall be in good standing with their local U.J.A. or equivalent campaign." Copies of the By Laws and additional information are available upon request by writing or telephoning the undersigned.

All nominations, which **must be in writing,** are to be forwarded to Ephraim Fiksel, Chairman, Regional Delegates Election Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2R 3V2, and are to be received **no later than March 17, 1986.** Election of delegates will be held, if necessary, prior to April 11, 1986.

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Organizations and People

"Anomalies" fly in face of Charter equality provisions

CJC urging Ontario to amend its legislation

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Spokesmen for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, last week urged the justice committee of the Ontario legislature to implement substantive changes to provincial legislation to give greater force and effect to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Les Scheininger, chairman of CJC, Ontario Region, and Manuel Prutschi, national director of community relations for CJC, cited several examples of Ontario legislation that are "discriminatory, anomalies" and "paradoxical" for flying in the face of the equality provisions of the Charter.

Scheininger, noting the multicultural nature of Canada, told the committee The Family Benefit Act, The Education Act and Bill 30, the proposal to fully fund Catholic schools, contradict Charter guarantees of equality under Section 15.

The justice committee, consisting of members from all three parties, is studying Bill 7 — An Act to Amend Certain Ontario Statutes to Conform to Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Referring to Bill 30, Scheininger asked the committee "is it not paradoxical for a government of Ontario to be favoring exclusively the schools of one faith community over other religiously based denominational schools?"

By referring the matter to the Court of Appeal, the government "took a course which is traditional, old-fashioned and safe," Scheininger said.

"It is a clear example of the reluctance on the part of government to accept the challenge of the Charter and to take a leadership role in shaping the evolution of the provincial multicultural identity."

Turning to the Family Benefit Act, Scheininger noted regulations under the Act specify a minimum residency requirement of five years prior to eligibility for benefits — while there is only a 3-year residency requirement for Canadian citizenship.

The result, he suggested, was that "two classes of Canadian citizen" are created, "flying in the face of the Charter's equality provisions."

The Education Act, Regulation 262, he continued, "mandates religious instruction and exercises in the public school system."

School boards can opt out of exercises, which refer to recitation of prayers or Bible readings, he acknowledged, but "there are many schools across this province where the contents of religious instruction and exercises echo the dominant faith community.

"The very process of exemption (from religious exercises) single out some students from others and is in effect discriminatory."

Prutschi told the committee Congress was aware of situations outside Metro Toronto where periods set aside for religious exercise are "used to engage in a little bit of religious instruction," where the content is informed by the faith of the dominant community."

"There is a real danger of the system being used for evangelizing purposes," Scheininger told the committee.

Scheininger asked that a special committee of the legislature be struck to take up "the challenge of the Charter and begin to consider government involvement to enhance equality in Ontario.

Network students plan Ottawa anti-terror day

TORONTO — Jewish students from across the country will assemble in Ottawa Tuesday, March 11 to urge the Canadian government to take effective action against international terrorism.

Organized by the North American Jewish Students' Network of Canada, Anti-Terrorism Ottawa Lobby Day is the second annual lobby day sponsored by the organization. Last year's rally in Ottawa focused on Soviet Jewry.

Naomi Noyek, chairman of the event, says the program will include a meeting with members of Parliament, and a panel discussion with representatives of the three political parties. Other public activities are also being planned, she says.

A special guest of honor at the rally will be Edward Leonard, says Noyek. Leonard vowed to make the fight against terrorism his personal cause after his wife and child died following the hijacking of an Egyptair jet last year.

"The Canadian government must become aware of the potential for international terrorism to affect Canadian citizens and innocent victims anywhere in the world," says Noyek.

The organization, she reports, will press the government to:

• Set up a parliamentary committee to fight terrorism;

• Maintain a consistent policy on relations with countries that sponsor terrorism, including establishing sanctions against such states;

• Take an active role in initiating international dialogue on security, the exchange of information and other measures used to combat terrorism;

• Push to have the PLO removed from the International Civil Aviation Organization which is based in Montreal.

Bus transportation to Ottawa from Toronto and Montreal will be provided at a nominal cost. The group from Toronto will leave early on March 11 and return the same night, Noyek says.

For further information contact the Network office in Toronto at (416) 928-9160 or the local Jewish student campus organization. In Montreal, phone Network representatives Didi Cohen (514) 737-3457 or Mark Sherzer (514) 738-1922.

Spanish link will be feted

TORONTO — **The establishment of diplomatic ties between Israel and Spain will be marked by a community celebration featuring live entertainers and official representatives from the two countries.**

"It will be a grand affair," said Max Benaim, executive director of the Ontario Sephardi Association. The OSA is sponsoring the event, in conjunction with the Israel Government Tourist Office and the National Tourist Office of Spain.

The celebration begins at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 1 at Petach Tikva-Anshe Castilla Synagogue, 20 Danby St., in North York. Admission is free.

Entertainers will include Spain's folklore group Tuna Estudiantil De La Universidad de Malaga and Israel's Amranim Singers.

"Official representatives of Spain and Israel will also be in attendance," said Benaim. There will also be an audio-visual presentation on Spain and a short film on Israel.

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Organizations and People

Canadians raise funds for Holocaust memorial

Yad Vashem Society to aid document collection

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Last fall, when Yitzhak Arad, the chairman of Israel's Holocaust memorial Yad Vashem, visited Toronto, he gave a mandate to several Jewish partisans and war veterans here to launch a Canadian chapter of the institute largely for the purpose of raising much-needed funds.

The Canadian chapter is now set up and has already raised over $10,000 for Yad Vashem among Jewish war vets and former partisan fighters in Toronto.

The drive now is for more funds and to set up chapters in individual Canadian cities.

The economic crisis in Israel, which has affected just about every aspect of life there, has also taken its toll on Yad Vashem, the Canadian society's steering committee chairman, Joel Dimitri, told The CJN in an interview.

Yad Vashem, the Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem, has had to pare its budget down in recent years because it has been receiving less and less help from the Israeli government, Dimitri explained.

For the first time in its history, Yad Vashem has had to appeal for public funds.

Austere budgets have meant several ongoing projects of the Holocaust memorial have been delayed or placed in limbo.

Arad, in an interview with The CJN last October, said Yad Vashem will need about $12 million in the next five years if current projects are to be completed.

Part of the International Society for Yad Vashem, the Canadian arm will be contributing to the centre's most pressing project, the collection of documents from other governments.

"Most of these documents must be saved today, not tomorrow," Dimitri points out. "We're talking about thousands, perhaps millions of documents that must be rescued, restored, photocopied and catalogued. It's a costly affair."

Many of these documents, photographs, letters, newspapers and Nazi memorabilia are still in Eastern Europe and are deteriorating rapidly.

The problem, Dimitri points out, is that many Communist countries will not allow the documentation to leave their borders.

That means teams of historians and archivists must be sent there to photocopy and microfilm everything. And if that isn't done soon, there is the danger of losing the documents forever.

Another project of Yad Vashem is the Valley of the Destroyed Communities, a $6 million monumental memorial to the 4,500 communities in 22 countries destroyed by the Nazis.

The valley will be an open-air memorial on six acres of rocky hillside just west of Yad Vashem, with rises of huge rock formation to symbolize the debris and rubble left by the Nazis.

Each cluster of rock will symbolize a given country and its positioning will correspond roughly to what was its geographical location in Europe. The name of each community will be engraved in stone.

There are also educational projects, such as the writing of a comprehensive, 24-volume history of the Holocaust in Hebrew and English by some of the leading Holocaust authorities today. The first three volumes should be in bookstores by 1988.

Dimitri adds that so far, only 3½ million names of Holocaust victims have been collected in Yad Vashem's computerized Hall of Names. It will take a lot more work and money to come up with the remaining 2½ million.

All this must be done soon, Dimitri stresses, because memories are fading.

All contributions are tax-deductible. Call Joel Dimitri at either 223-0550 or 881-0032.

"Exciting" events planned for JWB biennial event

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For the first time in more than 15 years, Canada will host the Jewish Welfare Board biennial convention in Toronto, and convention organizers are planning some "exciting" events for the 1,500 delegates expected for the 5-day meeting.

Highlighting the JWB conference, April 9-13, will be a reception hosted by the Canadian Jewish community, featuring political personalities from all levels of government, says Patricia Starr, convention host and, along with Fred Tittel, co-chairperson of the conference.

Ontario Premier David Peterson will attend the reception at the Sheraton Convention Centre, along with Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander; Lily Munro, Ontario minister of citizenship and culture; Barbara McDougall, federal minister of state for finance; Elinor Caplan, Ontario minister of government services; Monte Kwinter, provincial minister of consumer and commercial relations; John Eakins, Ontario minister of tourism and recreation; MP Bill Attewell; North York Mayor Mel Lastman; Metro Toronto Chairman Dennis Flynn; Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton; Alvin Curling, Ontario minister of housing; and MP John Oostrom.

The evening, dubbed an all-Canada affair, will also feature presentations highlighting each province's Jewish community, foods of each province as well as other aspects of Canadian culture.

But the raison d'etre of the convention is to allow representatives from JWB, the leadership network of Jewish community centres, YM-YWHAs and camps in North America, (Israeli, English and South American representatives will also attend) the opportunity to meet to discuss program ideas, problems they face and to exchange information.

"We're trying to develop programming that goes beyond the physical," Starr told The CJN — "to get young people involved" in activities at the JCCs related to their Jewish identities.

The JCCs in Toronto are now stressing family-oriented events to develop and strengthen ties between the children, their families and the community, she added.

Also on the agenda at the convention will be three forums: From generation to generation: Jewish continuity and leadership. Reaching out: providing new, effective centre services and programs in a rapidly changing environment, and A passion for excellence in centres.

A community gala at the Royal Ontario Museum on April 12 will climax the Canadian hospitality.

An innovation in Biennial 86 will be a program/operations showcase to feature examples of the best in Jewish community centre programs and operations, highlighting administrative and operations procedures.

Rabbi Reuven Kimelman

Rabbi Reuven Kimelman, chief program associate of CLAL, the National Jewish Centre for Learning and Leadership, and associate professor of Talmud and Midrash at Brandeis University, will be the scholar-in-residence at Biennial 86.

The theme of Jewish education will permeate the sessions at the convention, say organizers, and Kimelman will address the pre-convention Advanced Leaders Roundtable on April 9 on learning among leaders.

Later, he will address the opening plenary on April 10 on the topic, Will our grandchildren be Jews? Public Jewish culture and the JCC movement.

Kimelman will, at other sessions, discuss topics such as the ideal Jew and leadership skills.

Delegates will also be presented a report of a JWB committee on implementing and maximizing Jewish Education at JCCs, whose findings may affect the future of JCCs as an effective Jewish educational agency into the 1990s and beyond.

Biennial 86 is open to the public, with a registration cost of $60.

For more information, contact Barbara Lampcov, volunteer coordinator for the convention, at 636-1880.

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A dear friend comes home to his people

WENDY LITWACK, a co-chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress Committee for Soviet Jewry, who has worked on behalf of Soviet Jewry in Montreal and Toronto since 1974, expresses her feelings here on hearing the news that Anatoly Scharansky had been released from the Soviet Union.

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Was the bond strongest four months later, on March 16, 1977, when he was arrested? Scharansky was held without formal charges for 16 months. Or was it during his trial in July, 1978, when many of us slept every night on the street outside Monteal's Soviet consulate? Or after his sentence was imposed, when Anatoly exhibited unwavering strength in the greatest testimony of courage to mankind, by declaring, "Next year in Jerusalem!"?

Did I cherish most Jan. 20, 1978, as Scharansky's 30th birthday, was celebrated in the bitter cold, outside Montreal's Soviet consulate? The Group of 35 was vigilant, and indicated the same outpouring of support on his subsequent birthdays.

Was my most precious moment, on Dec. 9, 1978, when in a small apartment in Moscow, I shared with 40 men and women the concerns of people in Canada for their dear friend, Anatoly? We discovered the legal defence which had been prepared by Irwin Cotler. His brother Leonid gave me a message to take back to Canada, in his mother's handwriting, requesting that Cotler act officially as legal counsel on behalf of the Scharansky family.

Or that special birthday, in 1983 — his 35th? Many of us fasted that day, as we stood outside the Ontario Legislature while dozens of prominent Canadians spoke out in support of Anatoly's hunger strike, protesting the Soviets denial of visits with his family? We stood for the man whose mind for the previous 115 days, had overcome the needs of his body.

Was the most meaningful moment, the most recent, when just last month, we celebrated his 38th birthday in a private reception with members of the Ontario Legislature? Our words of hope and prayer were that his next birthday might take place in Jerusalem.

Or that momentous event . . . as he crossed the bridge into freedom, with the gait of a man, whose heart was as light as the wings of a dove. He spoke his first words on Israeli soil, with Avital by his side, and was carried to the Western Wall by an ocean of love.

Which event in the past 11 years has been most precious to me? All of them. I pray now, that the memory of this courageous struggle by one man for the liberation of the Jewish people will be firmly etched in the conscience of mankind.

Anatoly Scharansky is today a free man. Men and women of all faiths rejoice in his freedom. He is a symbol for all those who have suffered at the hands of Soviet injustice. A Champion of Human Rights, he is a man whose commitment to the continuity of the Jewish people kept his spirit alive for nine long years of incarceration.

For those of us who have been involved in his struggle, for few or for many years, it is indeed a personal victory. Each one of us identifies with this courageous man, in our own special way.

Anatoly Scharansky has been a part of my life for 11 years. I try often to determine just when he has seemed most precious to me.

Was it the day I first spoke his name? It was March, 1975, during a seder on a kibbutz in northern Israel. I read a Passover message to the Jews of the free world from the Jews of the Soviet Union. The message had been received from Moscow, by telephone, in a conversation with Anatoly Scharansky.

Or was it two months later, in Jerusalem, when I first met Avital? She had arrived in Israel only 10 months before. In halting Hebrew she recounted her story of the bright-eyed husband of one day, an activist in Moscow, whom she had left behind. Her eyes filled with tears that afternoon. It was clear that day, that her problem was not hers alone, but would be shared by others.

Was my most cherished moment, on Human Rights Day, Dec. 10, 1975? A small delegation of us met in Ottawa, with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, informing him of Soviet violation of the Helsinki Accords. We introduced one case that day — a case for the Canadian government to pursue. It was the case of Anatoly Scharansky.

Or in November, 1976, when speakers carried his voice, loud and strong, by telephone, from a post office in Moscow, to the gymnasium of a high school in Montreal, where 400 students listened? In unison, with Anatoly Scharansky, we sang Hatikvah.

Celebration at Beth Tzedec

Revelers dance for Scharansky

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

It may have resembled a wedding or bar mitzvah, but the simcha attended by over 800 revelers at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue recently was to celebrate Anatoly Scharansky's release from the Soviet Union.

There was plenty of singing, dancing and whooping it up, accompanied by the Simcha Orchestra; all interspered with messages from officials calling on the Soviets to let all Refuseniks and dissidents emigrate.

The theme of the rally, hastily organized by the North American Jewish Students Network, was "One down, 3 million to go," said Network chairman Mimi Estrin.

"We are here to celebrate an 11-year dream come true," Estrin told the audience after some horas were danced to warm everyone up.

Greetings from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney were brought by MP Bill Attewell (PC-Don Valley East), who said Scharansky's release will "only serve to strengthen our commitment and resolve" to pressure the Soviets to allow more Jews out.

Israel's consul-general Gideon Saguy noted that Scharansky was born in 1948— the year Israel was created.

"There is no question where one can go," Saguy said. "Anatoly Scharansky came home because there is a state of Israel."

Network president Moshe Ronen, who was arrested at last autumn's Geneva superpower summit for protesting on behalf of Soviet Jewry, promised there will be "massive demonstrations" by students at the next summit in Washington later this year unless the Soviets show a change in their policy on Jews.

A tape recording of a telephone conversation between Network and Scharansky's brother Leonid in Moscow was played, in which Leonid thanked all his brother's supporters in the West.

The evening's biggest applause was for Irwin Cotler, who for nine years exercised power-of-attorney for Anatoly and his wife Avital and who had just returned from Jerusalem where he finally met his famed client.

Cotler credited Avital for securing her husband's release by her unrelenting campaign of pressure on world leaders and the Soviets.

He recalled the "explosion of emotions" when Scharansky emerged from the airplane at Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv and described the general euphoria in Israel the night the former dissident prayed at the Western Wall.

"I really believe we have turned a new page in the struggle for Soviet Jewry and human rights. This has been a transforming experience for the Jewish people," Cotler said.

Although Scharansky and Cotler had never met until Jerusalem, Cotler said the former prisoner knew who he was by reading Soviet newspapers. When Cotler was expelled from the Soviet Union in 1979 on charges involving violating local travel rules, Scharansky read how "Irwin Cotler the spy, masquerading as a lawyer" had been unsuccessful in trying to spring "Anatoly Scharansky the spy" from prison.

"Scharansky looked at me and said, 'Right away, I knew I liked you,' " Cotler said.

Also last week, Scharansky's second cousin in Toronto, Debby Solomon, received a telephone call from Israel.

"I answered the phone and heard 'Hello, this is Avital,' " Solomon told The CJN. "I almost went through the floor.

"Then she said, 'Hold on a minute. Your cousin wants to talk to you.' "

Solomon said Anatoly sounded fine and thanked all his relatives for their help. During the 15-minute chat, she said he hinted that he would become involved in Soviet Jewry from Israel.

There were reports last week that Scharansky is preparing for a North American tour later this year but that first, he and his wife would take a 3-week vacation to an undisclosed location.

Finalists chosen for CZF contest

TORONTO —

The qualifiers for the finals of the Canadian Zionist Federation's public speaking competition on April 6 will be David Hackman (category A, age group 15-18), David Kerzner and Jennifer Paton (B, ages 19-22) and Ernest Roll (C, ages 23-30).

They were determined in the first of the contest's semi-final heats, held recently at the Shaarei Tefillah synagogue.

Also well received by judges were the presentations of runners-up Susan Stearn and Felicia Zeidman.

The last of the semi-final heats will take place at the synagogue at 2.15 p.m., 4.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, March 2.

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Organizations and People

Jewish consensus "apparent to our lawmakers"

Scheininger: Unity brought get amendment

TORONTO –

"A broad and strong consensus" from the total Jewish community was the key ingredient prompting legislators to pass provisions making it easier for Jews to obtain a get, says a spokesman for Canadian Jewish Congress.

Les Scheininger, chairman of Ontario Region of CJC, stated recently that the "two most vital ingredients required for any succesful effort to move government to act" came together when "the Jewish community communicated the need for justice and equity to be done" and when unity was demonstrated within the community.

"One must never labor under the misapprehension that this legislation would have ever been considered, let alone passed, were it not abundantly clear that there was broad and strong consensus on the issue from the total Jewish community," he stated.

Without that consensus, "which was apparent to our lawmakers," he added, "all of the excellent arguments, ceaseless efforts and boundless energy of any individuals or particularist groups would have been for naught."

Prior to passage of the Family Law Act, which comes into effect March 1, a broad coalition of Jewish and women's groups lobbied legislators to include provisions to make it easier for Jews to obtain a divorce under Jewish law — a get.

Lawyer John Syrtash represented the coalition at meetings of the justice committee considering the legislation. He was joined by spokespeople from the Toronto Committee on Get, a women's group which advocated changes to the law, the Vaad HaRabonim (Council of Orthodox Rabbis) and B'nai B'rith Canada, who presented arguments in favor of the proposals and answered the lawmakers' queries regarding proposals to deal with the problems associated with gets. (CJN Dec. 5).

Les Scheininger

Prior to the committee vote in favor of proposals similar to those advanced by the coalition, CJC Ontario Region endorsed the proposals (CJN Dec. 5) and later the Toronto Board of Rabbis, which includes Conservative, Reform and Orthodox rabbis, followed suit (CJN Jan. 30).

Says Scheininger "One must appreciate the impossibility of convincing elected representatives of the importance of the position advocated by a special interest group when all of the members of that group are not necessarily unified with respect to the position."

Turning to "the mechanism of building consensus through open and frank discussion, study and deliberations," Scheininger stated that process, though sometimes perceived as cumbersome, "has always been our safeguard against rash and ill conceived actions.

"On the other hand, we are most fortunate, as a community, to have amongst us imaginative, energetic and innovative individuals who have the ability to inspire us and sometimes quicken our pace.

"I believe very strongly that no credit should be taken away from any individuals and groups who literally made this campaign their complete lives for many weeks. Their efforts, determination and intelligence must be admired and commended.

"However, in the end result, let us not mistakenly believe that any individuals, partnership of groups nor coalitions of organizations should only be congratulated. It was the Jews of Ontario, including the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox, who should be commended for recognizing a gross injustice and working towards the alleviation of the distress of many in our community."

SIGNING THE BILL

Elinor Caplan, in her capacity as Ontario minister of government services, signs the New Family Law Reform Act, containing provisions making it easier for Jews to obtain a get, prior to it receiving royal assent. Looking on is Caplan's assistant Patricia Ruhl. Also on hand to witness the ceremony were family lawyers, members of the Women's Perspective Advisory Committee and others who are interested in the get issue. The law comes into effect March 1. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Registrations will take place on April 2, 1986 at the French Immersion schools and applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

For further information, contact the office of Mrs. Nicole Mischenko, Assistant Coordinator, French Immersion at 494-4022.

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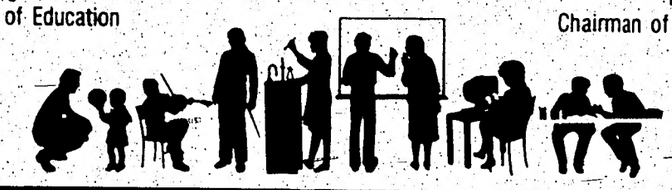

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Organizations and People

"Marked change in direction for many religious women"

School offers technology plus Judaic studies

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Last fall in Jerusalem, the Israel College of Technology for Women opened with a course of studies consisting of advanced technological subjects taught in conjunction with an intensive Judaic studies program.

"This marked a change in direction for many religious women," says Rabbi Meyer Berglas, the dean and founder of the new college. He believes it is the only school of its kind in the world where young women are offered a fully recognized Bachelor of Arts program in technology and Judaic studies covering all areas of religious studies.

"We were amazed at the extent of interest that was generated in our first year," says Berglas, who was the rabbi of Congregation Shaarei Tefillah in Toronto for 10 years before making aliya with his family in 1979.

"Of the more than 300 applications we received last year, we accepted 45 students in the math and computer science programs." Berglas adds that because of the overwhelming success of the new college, next year a class of foreign students will be integrated into the institute which plans to expand its technological program into other fields — electronics, optics, engineering and biotechnology.

The school is located in the educational wing of the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

On a recent visit to Canada, Berglas expressed his gratitude to the many people whom he said morally and financially supported his "revolutionary" idea that religious women belong in high technology.

"The economy of Israel depends on science-based industries and until recently, religious women have been reluctant to enter these professions."

He gave an example of Sara, a student who was excellent in math and science and who wanted to become an engineer. Until recently, he says, she would have been discouraged by her parents and peers because "it wasn't a proper profession for a girl — and there was no institution where girls could have technological training in a religious environment."

Endorsed by the chief rabbis of Israel and the Rabbinical Council of America, the college's technological courses are taught by university teachers with high academic credentials. Several are ordained rabbis.

Berglas explained that he got involved in higher education for girls when he realized that at least two of his five daughters are very science-minded (he also has a son). His wife wondered where their daughters could go for academic training in a religious setting.

"My wife encouraged me to set up the Israel College of Technology for Women because she felt strongly that religious girls should not be limited in the professions open to them."

Berglas believes that Israel's future is in high technology. He stresses that the country has a "desperate need for highly trained practical engineers and scientists," and adds that more female students should be encouraged to enter these professions.

"For Israel to survive, it is a matter of using the country's brain power to compensate for a shortage of natural resources."

All full-time students take Judaic studies. Along with the dual program, a limited number of students will be accepted for only the Judaic studies program which offers Jewish law, Jewish philosophy, Bible and prophets. These students will have an option to enter the technological and secular courses at a later date.

"We have received applications from students in Canada and the United States," says Berglas. He adds that with the acceptance of students from abroad, the enrolment will more than double. Many of the students at the women's college live in modern dormitories.

During his visit to Toronto, Berglas announced that a tribute dinner to honor Murray Frieberg is being planned for this summer. Frieberg, who is the president of the Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, has undertaken to establish a computer science centre in memory of his late wife Helen Frieberg.

Berglas said that the tribute committee information includes Jack Schwartz, Saul Schwartz, Rabbi David Monson, Michael Harris, David Blank, Sam Spodek and Jack Spodek.

For more information or registration forms for the 1986-1987 academic year, write to Rabbi Meyer Berglas, Israel College of Technology for Women, P.O. Box 15091, Jerusalem (02-534-632), or call Rabbi Irwin Witty at The Board of Jewish Education, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 232, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V3, (416) 633-7770.

Hamilton's campaign shows increase of 10%

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
As the Hamilton Jewish community gears up for 1986 UJA campaign, it can chalk up last year's efforts as one of its best campaigns ever.

Hard work and greater co-operation have resulted in an overall increase of 10% and while the oft-projected $1 million total still remains elusive, it has become "much more realistic . . . and within reach," says campaign chairman Stephen Yanover.

assistant Silvert, "the Hamilton Jewish community was in serious financial trouble a few years ago but we've pulled ourselves up and the future," he says, looks very bright."

Silvert, on loan from UIA Canada for the second year, explained that his function was to "research and advise." He got "a lot of guidance from the lay leadership" and was very impressed, he added, with their "key decision to make this campaign work no matter what happened."

Although each of the four chairmen had compelling personal reasons for wishing to pull out of the campaign during the past year, none did, said Silvert. "They kept going and it's that kind of commitment that really made it work."

Mel Gunn, a past president of the JCC, served as vice-chairman and the women's division was co-chaired by Sylvia Klein and Pearl Enkin.

The latter found greater community support and "a new cohesiveness" in a campaign that used to be "very disjointed. It made a great difference to have this greater co-operation," she said.

Silvert also commented on the "noticeably greater community spirit and involvement," adding that "there are a lot of quiet heroes in the community who've been doing a wonderful job."

He also paid tribute to retired Hamilton Jewish Federation executive director Samuel Soifer, who was involved in the early stages of the campaign, and to new JCC and federation director Sid Brail for their share in the success of the campaign.

Yanover, a lawyer, remains chairman for the 1986 campaign and promises to run "a tight and short campaign because it works better when you keep people working to deadlines."

His vice-chairmen will be Gunn and another lawyer, Gerald Swaye. Women's Division will be headed by Sylvia Klein and Marcia Halpern, with Faye Schmerling as vice-chairman.

Future very bright

He attributes the success of the campaign to "the hard work of many, many canvassers, category chairmen and everyone else involved" as well as "the better reception by the community as a whole."

Not only that but "the ladies have come up with a record total this year." As well, "it was very helpful to have a professional (Neil Silvert) involved in the day-to-day business of running the campaign."

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Organizations and People

Attendance growing at Orthodox synagogues

Younger people returning to traditionalism

In the first of a 2-part series DAVID BIRKAN explores an emphasis on learning and a return to tradition that congregational rabbis say are accompanying proliferating attendance at Toronto's Orthodox synagogues.

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"Ignorance is the greatest threat to Jewish survival," says Rabbi Baruch Taub, spiritual leader of Beth Avraham Yoseph in Thornhill. "Orthodoxy has something to say to and is intellectually stimulating for young university-trained people. As well, it is satisfying," he added.

Rabbi Taub's views reflected the position of a number of congregations here polled by The Canadian Jewish News. There is an upsurge in traditionalism and it has taken hold among younger segments of the community who view Jewish observance and study as the way to a fulfilling life.

Beth Avraham Yoseph, 31 Bevshire Circle, which started from scratch four years ago, now has 200 family members—and a panoply of youth and adult classes.

Meshech Chochma, the shul's own institute for adult Jewish studies, holds 20 classes a week from beginners' Hebrew to advanced Talmud. An active sisterhood formed from a women's shiur (study group) organizes its own program on Shabbat observance, family purity laws, and women in society.

A couples' study group meeting in Rabbi Taub's home every Friday night after dinner completed an in-depth study of Pirkei Avot, Ethics of the Fathers, in two years. At least 10 men study Talmud every evening according to the daf yomi—daily page—program instituted internationally in Europe half a century ago. In its hevrutah, partnership, system, 25 adults so far have been paired off with another 25 in a method of study as old as traditional Judaism.

"We get about 200 people a week of varying background at our study programs," said Rabbi Taub. "That does not include the 250 or so congregants who study Rambam (Maimonides) together for 10 or 15 minutes at the conclusion of the Shabbat morning service.

Shaarei Shomayim, (470 Glencairn Ave.), with a membership of 1,300 families, is the largest Orthodox congregation in Canada and one of the largest in the world.

"We've had what could be called an explosion in vitality and attendance," congregation executive vice-president Myer Dorn told The CJN. He estimated that some 10% of its new members are from Montreal and Winnipeg, and another 15% from South Africa and England.

Programs, from Shabbat morning nursery to seniors' classes, serve all age groups. They include adult education lectures and classes, weekend retreats, prominent guest speakers, and lively festivities to mark Jewish holidays.

A full-time youth director operates "perhaps the best youth program in the city," with services, clubs, sports and outings available almost every day of the week.

"There seems to be a resurgence of traditionalism," Dorn commented. "Young people whose parents were lukewarm to Judaism take it seriously. They see it as integral to their future."

At Beth Jacob (147 Overbrook Pl.), Rabbi Moses Burak said with a smile: "We're holding our own."

The basement minyan of 20 years ago has grown into a congregation of some 300 families. Original members who have become grandfathers over the years sit with sons and grandsons, while "great-grandchildren run around and collect candy," he said.

Young families who left the Bathurst Manor area in search of more glamorous pastures have returned older and wiser. University students attend morning minyans daily.

Adult study groups morning and evening and brotherhood and sisterhood educational and social activities contribute to and reflect the shul's liveliness. Its youth program is a particularly vital element in the life of the shul and the community as a whole.

"A young doctor looking for a house first checks out the neighbourhood for religious children before he buys," said Rabbi Burak.

"There is a great deal of liveliness among the young Orthodox," he said. "University students put a lot of effort and energy in working with young children all Saturday afternoon. Babies arrive in the synagogue at two to four weeks of age to alternate between mother's and father's arm across the gallery. Sometimes the Torah reader holds his baby as the service proceeds."

Rabbi Burak also associated the growth of his congregation with the development of Orthodox day schools and kollelim across the city. This, in turn, he credits to an upsurge in interest in Orthodoxy.

"Orthodoxy gives you a clear statement of where you stand and what you stand for," he said. "It presents truths that go to the heart of reality."

Rabbi Baruch Taub

JF & CS receives check from firm

TORONTO —

The Jewish Family & Child Service of Metropolitan Toronto has received a check for $91,139.08 as a contribution from a major Toronto stock firm.

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During that day, dubbed "The Miracle on 42nd Street," brokers from the 42nd-Street branch, their colleagues in the Institutional Equities Department, and brokers at Nesbitt Thomson and Burns Fry donated their commissions to the fund.

At a recent breakfast in honor of the participants, Timothy Miller, manager of the 42nd-Street branch, presented checks to JF & CS and to the Toronto Star Santa Claus Fund; Ronald McDonald House; and to CKFM's Children's Fund in support of the Hospital for Sick Children.

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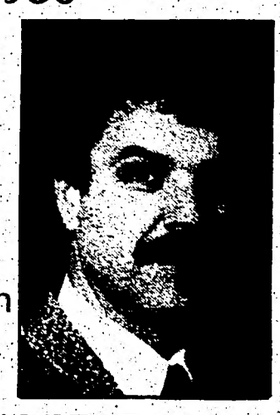

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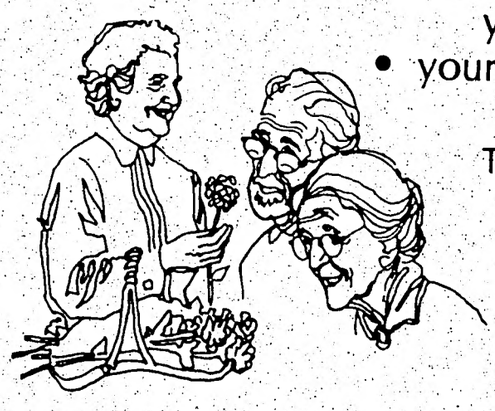

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Motherly volunteers are feeders at Baycrest

TORONTO —

A group of 19 women ranging in age from 73 to 87 appear faithfully twice a week or more at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. They don't come to take advantage of the services provided at the centre, but rather to help others.

Many of them have been coming for up to 20 years to volunteer their time to feed special care residents in the Jewish Home for the Aged (JHA) and patients in Baycrest Hospital.

"I wanted to do something for people that they aren't able to do for themselves," says 73-year-old Adele Weingarten. "That is why I started volunteering to feed residents eight years ago."

The volunteers follow a routine that starts at 11.15 a.m. in the fourth floor dining room of the JHA where five or six residents sit around each of the eight tables.

"Everybody on the fourth floor needs some help to eat their meals," says charge nurse, Maria Nightingale. Residents on the two special care floors of the Home suffer from various levels of cognitive impairment and many have physical disabilities as well.

In most cases, these residents are unable to feed themselves because they cannot grasp a fork and because they cannot focus their attention on eating a meal.

"Feeding is very time consuming because you cannot rush elderly people who may have difficulty chewing and swallowing," Nightingale adds.

"The volunteers have a motherly touch. They talk with the residents and encourage them to eat. All the staff really appreciate the patience and caring attitude of these wonderful women. They are a very important part of our team."

"Each of us has one or two people to feed which gives the nurses more time to feed the others, especially the less able residents," explains Hilda Reiss, 74, who has been a volunteer feeder for almost 20 years.

"We have time to put the food on their spoons and let them eat on their own," says Bella Eisen, 77, a feeder since 1980. "While we're waiting for them to finish a spoonful we can be helping to feed someone else at the table."

"To feed is a very difficult task," says Cecille Bidner, director of volunteer services at Baycrest. "It can also be a thankless one. But for these women, just seeing someone who is happy and satisfied after a meal is thanks enough."

"I wish there were more of them," says JHA social worker, Ruth Goodman.

Volunteer Fanny Applebaum, 86, explains how she unexpectedly became a feeder 13 years ago. "A friend of mine used to feed residents and patients at Baycrest and I came with her once. When I saw what she did, I thought if I did that it would kill me.

"I came a second time and when we got to the dining room there were no other volunteers around. So I felt I should help and I saw that I could do it. Now, if I can't come even one week, I miss it."

From the fourth floor dining room, most of the volunteers hurry off to the hospital, one of the five facilities of Baycrest Centre.

In the hospital, unlike in the Jewish Home for the Aged the volunteers feed patients in their own rooms. Some of the volunteers feed the same patients every week, while others go wherever they are needed.

The women take a short break to have their own lunch and then they're back at work on the third and fourth floors of the home where they are involved in recreation programs for special care residents.

"For the people who are more able, we play music, sing and read to them," says Hilda Reiss. "We also read them an advice column from a Yiddish newspaper and ask the residents how they would solve the problems."

There is another program for residents who aren't as capable. "We tell them where they are, the day and the time, and then we play music and sing for them and have them toss and catch a sponge ball," says 83-year-old Dina Zbar, who has been involved in the program for 11 years.

"What we do is give them a little attention and affection."

Most of these volunteers also make a special trip every Christmas to help feed residents at another seniors' residence. "We are happy to help out where we're needed," says Reiss.

"Helping others gives meaning to my life. I think it does more for me than it does for them."

Hilda Reiss, a Baycrest Centre volunteer, feeds a resident on a special care floor of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

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Organizations and People

Israeli cancer researcher seeking "inhibitor"

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Detection of a certain substance in the bloodstream, as yet unidentified, may prove to be an early signal of incipient cancer, according to an Israeli researcher working here.

Ami Klein, 42, presented his thesis recently at the 7th annual European Immunological Meeting here, and, a week earlier, at the International Union of Biochemistry in Amsterdam. There were 1,000 and 4,000 participants, respectively.

Klein, an endocrinologist (hormone specialist), has been pursuing his research at the Sunnybrook Medical Centre, a division of the University of Toronto clinical biochemistry department, for the past two years.

Klein is trying to isolate and identify an inhibitor of the body's immunological reaction to foreign cells. These are normally destroyed by lymphocytes, a component of white blood cells.

"The presence of such an inhibitor is indicated in all the cancer cases that I have studied," Klein told The Canadian Jewish News. "It seems to be related, at least in its mechanism, to the AIDS reaction."

Klein follows an immunological approach to investigate cancer, in which cancer cells are thought to be foreign to the body and capable of recognition and destruction by the body's own lymphocytes.

"Normally, the immunological system works in balance with the body's hormonal system," Klein explained. Some hormones, however, act to suppress the immunological response.

Lymphocytes are thought to possess a defence mechanism against cortisol — a prime hormone necessary for, among other things, coping with stress — that allows them to destroy foreign cells.

"Perhaps in cancer, the defence mechanism of the lymphocytes is inhibited or blocked, making them more susceptible to suppression by the hormone," said Klein. "Specific subsets (groups) of lymphocytes would disappear. In such a case, the immune system would not function properly.

"This is what I'm finding in cancer patients. They have a compound that can inhibit the natural defence mechanism of the lymphocytes against cancer."

Blood plasma from cancerous patients, he has confirmed in experiments, allows significantly less neutralization of cortisol than plasma from healthy patients. Blood plasma from AIDS patients allows for even less neutralization of cortisol.

"The job now is to isolate and identify the substance that is preventing the lymphocytes' natural defence against cortisol."

AIDS, which results in the total collapse of the immune system, may be characterized by a rise in cortisol levels in the blood stream of the patient. Helper lymphocytes — that subset of lymphocytes enhancing the process of destroying foreign cells — are the most vulnerable to cortisol.

"In the case of AIDS," Klein said, "we just found evidence that the defence mechanism against cortisol of the lymphocytes is indeed inhibited or blocked." The actual inhibiting agent has not yet been isolated.

Klein suggests a liver involvement in the creation of the inhibitor cancer and AIDS.

Klein began pursuing his research at Petach Tikvah's Beilinson Medical Centre seven years ago, supported in part by the Israel Cancer Research Fund.

Last year at Sunnybrook he proved that it was the presence of an inhibitor that was affecting the defence mechanism of lymphocytes against cortisols. Until then, he was also working on the possibility of a lack of an enhancing agent in the blood plasma of patients.

At the very least, detection of the inhibitor in routine blood tests would be an early sign of incipient cancer or of susceptibility to it.

At the very most — Klein, a cautious man who looks like a young wiry Einstein, refuses to speculate.

Ami Klein proceeds in his research. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Rotenberg reflects from the "outside"

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
The day was May 2, 1985, when Frank Miller's Conservative government went down to defeat ending over 40 years of Tory rule in the province of Ontario.

In the predominantly Jewish riding of Wilson Heights, Conservative incumbent David Rotenberg was out and Liberal Monte Kwinter was in.

Today Rotenberg is back tending his business on a full-time basis as a partner with Consolidated Insurance Brokers Ltd. and is philosophical about his defeat.

"When things go well with your party it helps a bit and when things go badly it hurts," he told The CJN.

Rotenberg, minister without portfolio for urban affairs in the short-lived Miller government and MPP for Wilson Heights since 1977, said that even before voters went to the polls, he could tell things weren't shaping up as planned.

"During the last several weeks of the campaign you could feel it was beginning to slip away," he said.

"The outcome of that election had very little to do with either Monte Kwinter or myself. A lot of people decided to vote against the government. They voted more against the government then for the Liberals."

The former MPP said about 6,000 more people came out to vote than in the 1981 election in his riding and his own support dropped less then 10%.

Looking back, he said that there was some misreading of the mood of the public by his party and that the campaign could have been run better.

Stated Rotenberg he views his defeat as a "mixed blessing," as he now has time to get involved in the community and to spend at home with his wife Cecile.

"I'm enjoying the quiet life. I have a lot more time for myself. Of course I sometimes miss the action."

Rotenberg said he now finds time to attend Canadian Jewish Congress meetings and does a weekly program on CBC.

Looking at the current political scene at Queen's Park, he said the Conservatives appear to have hit "rock bottom" and are starting to bounce back, but that party leader Larry Grossman will have to do a lot of rebuilding before the next election.

"There's no question (Premier David) Peterson is still on his honeymoon period and that if there was an election now he would probably get a majority, but there won't be an election for at least a year.

"Grossman's got a lot of work to do putting the party together and getting the team spirit back."

While saying that he currently has no plans to return to provincial politics, Rotenberg said he hasn't closed the door on that part of his life.

"A politician never says never," he commented.

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Ottawa addresses missing children problem

By
JEFF ROSEN

OTTAWA —
The federal government has launched several major initiatives aimed at fighting the growing number of missing children, Solicitor General Perrin Beatty announced recently.

In a series of press conferences across the country, the solicitor-general announced the formation of the Missing Children Research Project and the creation of a central registry on missing children, as well as a national conference to deal with the problem.

Beatty said the 2-year research project will involve police forces in Toronto, Montreal, Edmonton and Surrey, BC, working in conjunction with provincial and local law enforcement agencies.

The Toronto program will be run by the federal and Ontario solicitor general's offices in conjunction with Metro Toronto Police.

The Montreal project will be steered by a committee composed of representatives from the Quebec government, the Montreal Urban Community police and the ministry of the solicitor general.

In Edmonton, the Alberta government and the Edmonton Police Force will work together with the federal government.

Announcing Surrey's participation, Beatty said the project will provide a base for developing improved responses to the problem at the community level by documenting the types of missing children cases reported to the police and examining how police respond.

"We expect that the findings from the study will provide insights and knowledge that will be of value not only to the RCMP, but to police forces in other communities which are striving to improve their efforts concerning prevention and location of missing children," Beatty announced. "It will also increase our understanding of the links with other problems such as family violence, child abuse and delinquency."

Beatty said researchers working in participating police departments will examine the nature of missing children calls and determine whether more effective investigation and prevention strategies are possible.

The solicitor general said that since outlining the national project in Montreal in December, private sector groups, provincial governments and business have expressed their support for the initiative.

Beatty said the registry will be created by the RCMP and linked with the Canadian Police Information Centre, which has on-line terminals in almost all police departments across Canada, as well as through similar information systems in the U.S. and through Interpol.

The registry, which is expected to be operational by July, will contain information on all missing children reported by police departments across Canada, as well as a computerized clothing and dental file.

"The registry will also generate national statistics on missing children," Beatty said.

The national conference — slated for this spring — is expected to bring together representatives from all levels of government, police and voluntary groups to develop a comprehensive approach to the problem, the minister said.

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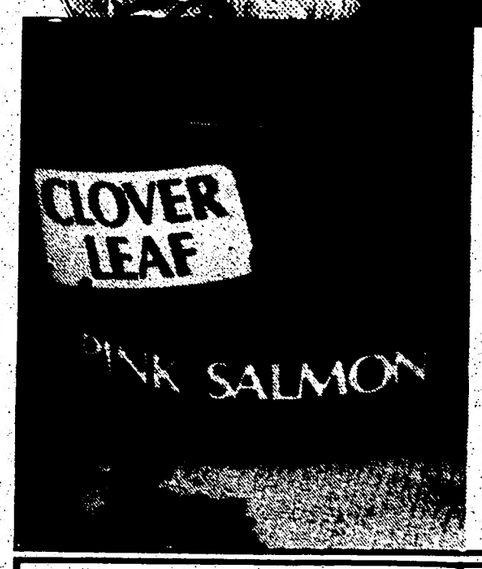

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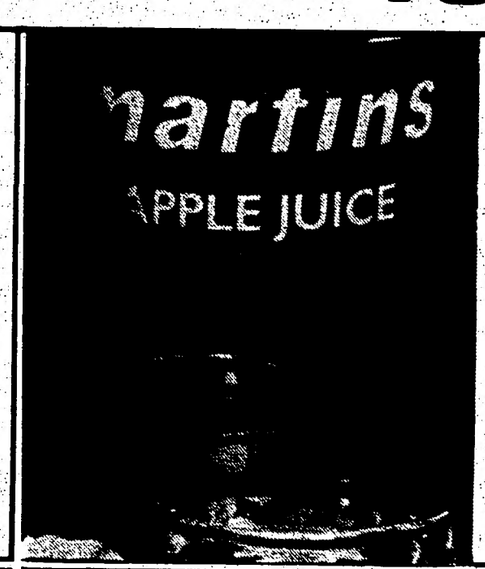

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"Intense education" in hope and fortitude

Law students meet Refuseniks

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
While most people in their third year of law school long for nothing else on their winter break than to flake out on a beach and soak up some rays, Bernie Gropper and Elise Stern did something different.

They packed lots of warm clothes along with 25 packets of yeast, five pounds of salami, 32 packs of kosher chewing gum, 12 Bic pens, 24 Shabbat candles, two bottles of kosher wine and two books of commentaries by Maimonides.

The destination picked by the Osgoode Hall students was the Soviet Union and their self-appointed mission was to meet as many Jewish Refuseniks as they could in two weeks.

In characteristic academic fashion, the pair wrote everything down upon their return in a 17-page essay with the understated title, How We Spent Our Christmas Vacation.

In other words, Gropper and Stern have stories galore to tell about their trip.

It began as a pet project for the two friends, both of whom profess to a long-standing interest in the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Gropper, 23 and Stern, 22, financed most of the trip themselves but received some assistance from various community organizations, as well as lists of names to look up once they arrived in the USSR.

In an interview with The CJN, the two looked back on their "vacation" with exhilaration and the realization that they received an intense education.

Gropper and Stern left for Moscow Dec. 29, aware of the potential danger of their trip. It would not have been the first time someone from the West with the intention of visiting Jews was followed constantly, or worse, beaten up by men in dark suits.

They did take precautions, though. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Refuseniks were cryptically encoded in their class notes, which they took along to "study."

The trouble began immediately.

While customs guards at Moscow airport let Bernie go right through, a woman official stopped Elise and for one hour, questioned her about her belongings, which included several Western magazines and religious books.

Elise put up a fuss, saying the books were school texts and she even spoke Hebrew on request. But the books (one Haggadah, the two books by Maimonides and a Jewish catalogue) were confiscated because, Elise recalled the official as saying, such works constituted "anti-Soviet material." Besides, she was told, she was on vacation and didn't have to study.

Bernie Gropper and Elise Stern (at right) visit Moscow Refusenik family, the Smelianskys — son Misha, Alla and Emmanuel.

Elise had to sign a document, which was in Russian, but she indicated in English that she didn't know what she was signing.

All this, and they were still at the airport.

The next morning, they flew to Leningrad, where they were in for a pleasant surprise when they began calling their contacts.

"We said, 'Shalom, we're students visiting from Canada and we'd like to meet you,'" Bernie recalled. The "Shalom" at the beginning signaled the Jewish password.

"Almost everyone we telephoned said to come right over. Some didn't want to give their addresses over the phone. Others didn't care. They figured they have nothing more to lose," he said.

Language wasn't a problem because both Bernie and Elise speak passable Hebrew and Yiddish and they found that most Refuseniks have good English.

Their first visit was to Evgeny and Irina Lein, Refuseniks since 1978. Evgeny had been a mathematician but was dismissed because he applied to emigrate. He is now working as a night watchman, earning one-fifth his old salary.

The Leins, Elise said, were grateful for the kosher food and implored Jews in the West to remain vocal about their Soviet counterparts.

It was in Leningrad that Bernie and Elise noticed a shadowy figure, always near them.

The man followed the couple everywhere, it seemed — in the street, at the opera, at the Kirov Ballet. He finally introduced himself as Lev.

"He was very friendly. He told us he was Jewish and he wanted to know our nationality and religion," Elise said. "He kept asking us if we wanted to go with him. Everywhere we went, we kept bumping into him. When we asked him questions, his English suddenly became very bad."

They were sure Lev was assigned to trail them. "We tried not be paranoid," said Bernie, "but we didn't want to lose sight of why we were there."

Undaunted, the two kept up their schedule of visits. The next day, they went to the home of Lev Furman, a Hebrew teacher and 12-year Refusenik. There, they also met Vera Elbert, who sang Hebrew and Israeli songs, and members of the Goldstein family from Tblisi. Dr. Isai Goldstein had been a Refusenik for 14 years and his 12-year-old son Avi has the dubious honor of being born a Refusenik. It was just a few weeks ago that Goldstein was finally given his visa at the intercession of U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy.

They remained at Furman's flat until 3 a.m., when everyone sang an emotional rendering of Hatikva. To avoid arousing suspicions back at their hotel, Bernie and Elise acted drunk when they returned.

More visits followed: to the Dragunskys, the Shainskys and back to the Furmans, where Bernie tried his hand at chess— and lost to everyone except the 9-year-old son of Vera Elbert.

The couple paid a pilgrimage to Leningrad's only synagogue, where Bernie received an aliya. There were few worshippers and they were mainly old. Despite the obvious presence of picture-taking security agents, everyone was open.

"The message was pretty much the same. They were all thirsty for knowledge — for magazines, books, information, anything," Elise noted. "The standard message is that pressure from the West is the key to their release."

Bernie was struck by some of the Refuseniks' degree of outspokenness. "Some thought they shouldn't speak out. Others just didn't give a damn anymore. They thought that by being vocal and outspoken, somehow the Soviets wouldn't want them anymore."

The next stop was Tallinn, the capital of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic. There, Bernie and Elise met the Raskin family, who asked they be sent Zaditen, an asthma drug.

The next morning, it was on to Riga, the former capital of Latvia, where they visited the Kilovs. It was in Riga that the two travelers' gruelling pace caught up with them. Fatigue, the cold and the lack of good food took their toll when they returned to Moscow.

Elise immediately took to bed with a fever and Bernie met with several Moscow Refuseniks, for whom most of the kosher food and religious items were intended.

In Moscow, opinion seemed more focused on the Soviet leadership.

"They think (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev has no consolidated power; that he's just a clever showman," said Bernie. "Mostly, Moscow Jews are cynical. They're tired of being optimistic."

One family, the Messermans, were so pessimistic and afraid that Bernie and Elise were left more depressed than at any point in their trip.

A more hardened family was the Smeliansky, who have been Refuseniks for 15 years and denied exit visas on 25 separate occasions. Emmanuel and Alla Smeliansky divorced for the benefit of their 15-year-old son Misha, thinking it would be easier to emigrate separately with him.

In all, though, Bernie and Elise found Refusenik families, for all their frustration, hardship and peril, warm and hospitable, always ready with food and vodka and grateful for visitors.

Ironically, many of them expressed concern for their most famous compatriot, Anatoly Scharansky. The Refusenik community had not heard from Scharansky for weeks and apparently was worried about his destiny.

Two weeks after they arrived, the intrepid couple returned to the airport with bags considerably lighter than when they arrived.

With worried parents waiting at home, they boarded an Air France flight to Paris, but were bumped at the last minute to a "horrible" Aeroflot flight instead, as Elise put it, "as a last reminder. Everything you've ever heard about the Soviet Union is true."

They had met all but one of their Refuseniks in a span that was both bad and good, but unforgettable.

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Twins share honors in public speaking contest

By
PEARL ADLER

TORONTO — Identical twins beat four other finalists to share first prize in the recent public speaking contest of the junior high division at Associated Hebrew Schools.

Geoff and Jason Litner, both in grade 7, were victorious in the 12th annual contest which started with more than 400 competitors from grades 7, 8 and 9. Six winners moved into the semi-finals.

"Talent agent's dream"

Geoff Litner, a judo student, spoke about the martial arts flavoring his speech with Japanese words commonly used between master and student in a typical class.

Jason Litner, older than his brother by two minutes, spoke about a subject he knows intimately: Being an identical twin. "To scientists, we are a miniature laboratory; we are also a talent agent's dream," he told the audience.

Natalie Riback, who won first prize last year, returned this year as second prize winner with her detailed look at the life of a teenager.

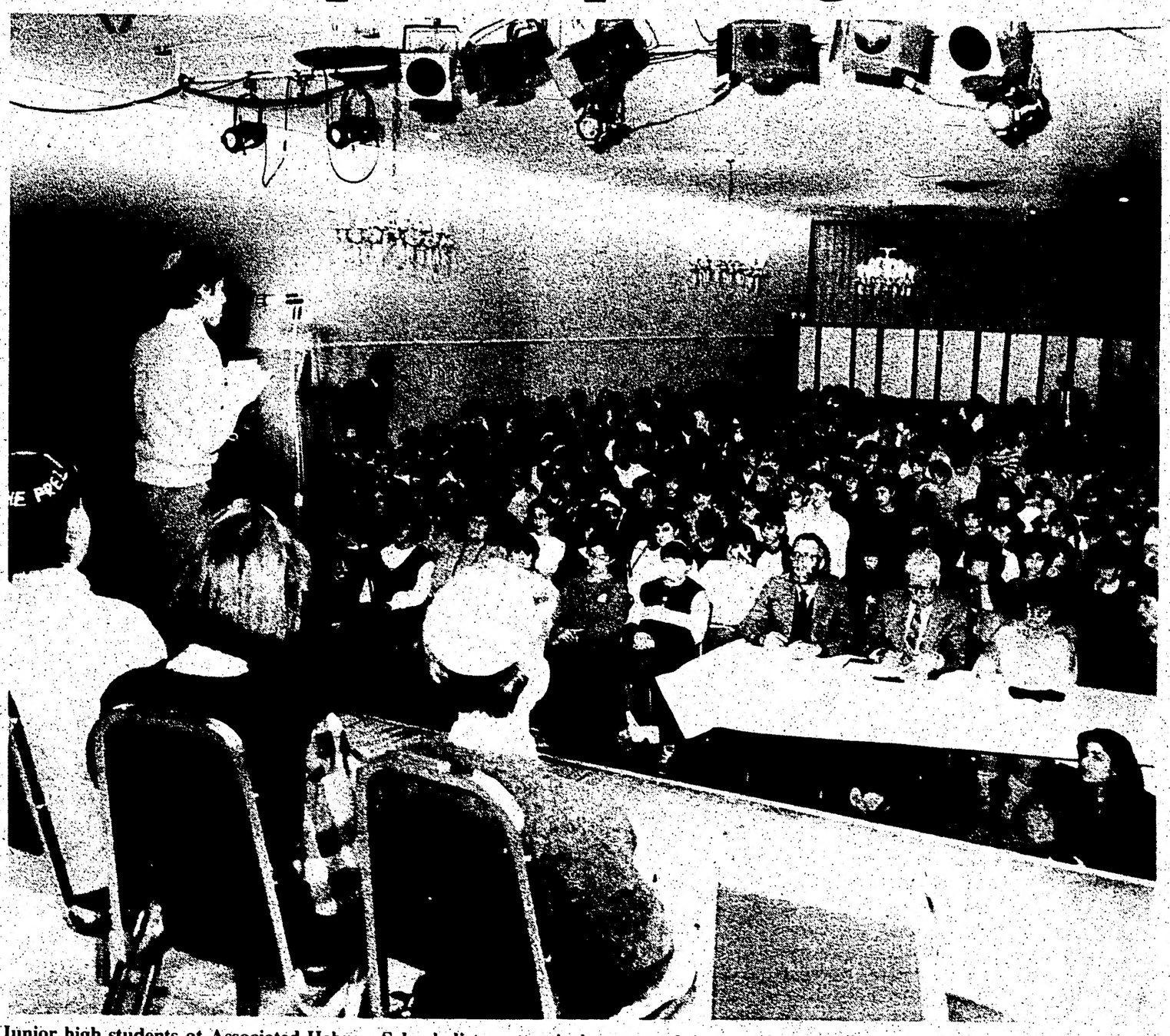
Jason Berman took third prize with his emotional account of how he prepared for his bar mitzvah. He described a reunion with his relatives who drowned him in "tears and kisses."

The other two competitors in the final stage of the contest were Moshe Goldstein and Melanie Lazar. Goldstein, a grade 9 student, enlightened his peers with a speech on the origins and development of pens and pencils.

Lazar, in grade 8, made a humorous presentation endorsing products typically advertised on TV commercials.

The purpose of the contest is to find "the individual who demonstrates the superlative of what oration should be," says Dan Ryan, English chairman of the junior high division.

Judges for the contest were: Brenda Freedman, English teacher at Ulpanat Orot Girls School; George Gallanders, English department head at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto; and Andy Barrie, CFRB radio personality.



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Systemic discrimination next target

Purcell tours to explain Human Rights Code

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
If laughter could eliminate all racism and discrimination that pervades society, then Canon Borden Purcell's job would be relatively easy.

However since Purcell's hearty laughter is not enough to banish these scourges, the chairman of the Ontario Human Rights Commission must rely on other means to ensure equality for all.

First appointed to the commission in 1978, Purcell is currently serving the second year of his second 3-year term as chairman. Purcell told The Canadian Jewish News that when he became chairman in January 1982 the new Ontario Human Rights Code had just come into law and a massive public relations campaign was launched to explain it to the public.

Canon Borden Purcell

"I think one of our decisions — which was the right one in retrospect — was to go out across the province and speak to as many groups and as many towns and cities as we possibly could to give the Code a sort of human face to try to explain what it was and what we were all about," said Purcell, an Anglican priest. "We had one main concern and that was to build the public policy that every person is equal in rights and opportunities or should be and we tried to create that atmosphere."

Since then, Purcell said the Human Rights Code has been well received and accepted by most segments of society, including the business community.

At last year's conference with representatives from major companies across Ontario, Purcell said, many of the business leaders expressed support for the Code and affirmative action programs, but were reluctant to implement such programs on their own.

"They will do it if forced to," Purcell said. "The feeling is 'we'll do it and we see the wisdom of doing it, but we won't do it on our own.' I think some companies won't do it because they think it will put them at an unfavorable disadvantage with their competition."

This year, Purcell said, the commission will focus on the media by going into journalism schools and helping journalism students understand the Ontario Human Rights Commission and the issues involved.

Purcell said one result of his public speaking engagements has been an enormous increase in the commission's caseload — in particular, cases involving the handicapped and sexual harassment.

"Sexual harassment has always been there and women have tended to tolerate it because they didn't have any alternative," Purcell explained. "Now the Code is there and deals with it very explicitly. I think in a way there has been a new awareness that this kind of thing is not tolerated anymore."

As well as traveling around the province explaining the Code, Purcell presides at commission meetings two or three times a month to deal with cases which are either dismissed or sent on to boards of inquiry.

The commission must also deal with policy matters arising from cases and changes which result from new laws affecting human rights. One instance where the commission will have to modify the Code is in relation to Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights, which deals with equality rights. However the changes will not be major, Purcell assured.

He said four technical adjustments to modify the wording of the Code will have to be made to bring it into line with the equality provisions of the charter. This is because the Human Rights Code anticipated many of the changes included in the charter, Purcell explained.

"We've taken a lead role in setting the pace of human rights legislation in the country," he said.

A strong advocate of human rights outside the country as well, Purcell welcomed the recent release of Anatoly Scharansky, but said pressure must be kept on the Soviet Union to release "the hundreds of people whose names never make the headlines."

Purcell met with Jewish Refuseniks two years ago when he traveled to the Soviet Union with a Canadian delegation.

"I have a fear that we will sit back and let up on our pressure and our concern," said Purcell, a founding member of the Interfaith Council of Soviet Jewry. "We have to be all that much more resolved to keep pressuring and keep the public aware that there are thousands of others who have been waiting longer then Scharansky."

While proud of the commission's achievements in the past four years, Purcell said there is still much that has to be done. In the coming term, Purcell said he expects systemic discrimination and employment equity to be the commission's main targets.

Toni Silberman, Purcell's executive assistant, explained that systemic discrimination results when the ultimate effect of a system's rule and regulations is discriminatory practices.

She cited as an example the height and weight restrictions which prevent most women and some ethnic groups from joining police forces.

In the area of employment equity, Purcell said there will be more mandatory affirmative action programs for groups being discriminated against and the possibility of an employment equity commissioner being appointed.

"This is an exciting time for us in terms of expectations," Purcell said. "Of course at the same time the community has high expectations, so the more you do the more that's expected of you.

"We never try to set up confrontations," Purcell added, "but instead try to bring everybody aboard to show it makes good sense for everybody, not just in employment, but in the community to respect each other and celebrate each other's differences.

"It makes for a more interesting place to live," said Purcell.

Hillel rep briefed in Israel

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
The first Canadian representative on the B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Secretariat trip to Israel returned recently from two weeks of touring and briefings by military, religious and political leaders.

Ron Clark, a second year law student at Osgoode Hall Law School, spent his winter break traveling throughout Israel and getting a first-hand update on the major issues facing the country from the people directly involved.

Clark is one of two Canadians (Diane Wise of the University of Windsor is the other) who sit on the board of the secretariat for the first time since its formation five years ago. They were elected to 1-year terms at a convention in Washington last fall.

The purpose of the organization, Clark says, is to coordinate and help promote activities at Hillel houses on campuses in Canada and the U.S.

The trip to Israel was designed "to get students to be more committed to the country, to make us understand Israel's problems," he says.

"We got a sense of how these problems can be coped with and how they can be solved."

During their tour the 20 students met Israelis in a variety of positions professionally and politically.

Members of the B'nai B'rith Hillel student secretariat on tour in Beersheba include (from left) Andy Gorelick, University of Michigan; Ron Clark, Osgoode Hall Law School; and Mark Lasser, Duke University.

Among those who briefed them were: Simcha Dinitz, former Israeli ambassador to the U.S.; Yehoshafat Harkabi, former head of military intelligence; Col. Nurit Shein, chief educational officer of the Israel Defence Forces; and Eliahu Ben Elissar, Likud MK.

The students also spoke with Israelis who settled in the administered territories; with high school students; and with Arab and Jewish students at the Hebrew University who are working to maintain a dialogue.

One evening was spent with newly arrived Ethiopian immigrants who performed dances from their native country, says Clark. And part of another day was spent participating in a simulation model of the complicated international peace process.

Of special interest to Clark was a trip to Moshav Shorashim in the Galil.

In the midst of fields, rocks and trees, was an Israeli "silicon valley" he says, referring to the area of California where computer research and production is conducted.

At the conclusion of the program, the secretariat passed a resolution calling for greater efforts toward Mideast peace through "moderation and dialogue."

According to a release from B'nai B'rith International the resolution stated that: "Any peaceful settlement will include recognition of Israel's right to exist within secure and recognized boundaries and Palestinian rights within an entity to be arrived at through a process of negotiation."

"It was a tremendously valuable experience," said Clark. "I had the opportunity to learn about many complex issues firsthand and meet key players who develop Israeli policy."

Now back in Canada, Clark has been helping to organize Israel Week at York University, and has sent out programming recommendations to Jewish students at other universities.

Clark studied at the Hebrew University in a 1-year program from 1982-1983, and received a BA in political science from Carleton in 1984. While at Carleton he was chairman of the Jewish Students Union of the National Capital Region.

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Synagogue celebrates 100th anniversary

Beth Tzedec traces roots to humble beginnings

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

In 1986 the Beth Tzedec Synagogue is one of Toronto's leading Conservative congregations with over 8,000 members. A century ago though, the Bathurst St. congregation consisted of no more than 20 families who gathered in small rented quarters to daven.

Although only 34 years old, Beth Tzedec traces its roots back to the end of the 19th century when its parent congregations — Goel Tzedec and the Beth Medrosh Hagodol Chevra Tehillim (McCaul St. Synagogue) — came into existence.

Since then the synagogue has witnessed the the growth of Toronto's Jewish community, has seen its members go off to fight wars across the ocean and has played host to numerous dignitaries including the Chief Rabbi of England, and Israeli Prime Ministers David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Menachem Begin.

Beth Tzedec is not just for the well-known though.

Jack Orenstein, executive vice-president of Beth Tzedec, said the great-grandchildren of the founders of Beth Tzedec's parent congregations can still be found attending services.

"There's a continuity between the past and present," Orenstein told The Canadian Jewish News.

Today's Beth Tzedec came about in 1952 as the result of an amalgamation between the two pioneer congregations. This year the synagogue will mark its centennial anniversary with a variety of events and celebrations.

Orenstein said there will be sisterhood programs and museum displays geared to remind the community of the synagogue's 100th anniversary, as well as a centennial book and cantorial concerts.

One upcoming concert on March 23 will feature Naftali Herstik, cantor of the Great Synagogue of Jerusalem, with Cantor Paul Kowarsky of Beth Tzedec.

The Goel Tzedec Congregation was established in 1883 in rented quarters on Richmond St. A year later the congregation moved to a church building at the corner of University and Elm St. and remodelled it to suit their needs.

By 1904 Goel Tzedec had outgrown its quarters and, after an extensive search, a new home was found just down the street at University below Dundas in what was then the heart of the Jewish community. There it remained for the next half century until the amalgamation.

While it began as an Orthodox congregation, Goel Tzedec became part of the Conservative movement in 1925, while adhering to most of the traditional observances. In 1934, however, certain changes were instituted including mixed seating, an altered prayer book and the addition of several English prayers.

Like Goel Tzedec, the McCaul St. Synagogue had humble beginnings. First known as Chevra Tehillim, the congregation was born in 1887 in downtown Toronto in a small room above a grocery store at the corner of York and Richmond Streets.

Its supporters were a small group of immigrants who had been uprooted from their homes in Europe and who sought a place where all Jews could come for religious worship.

As the heart of the Jewish community shifted, the synagogue moved with it and in 1896 Chevra Tehillim moved to the top of a blacksmith's shop at the corner of Richmond and York Streets.

In 1904 the church on McCaul St. was bought and the following year the Beth Medrosh Hagodol Chevra Tehillim or McCaul St. Synagogue, as it was more commonly called, came into existence.

Toronto's two leading synagogues continued on their own separate paths until 1950 when leading members from both congregations began discussing the idea of an amalgamation.

After two years of talks, the congregations merged, but continued to carry on independent services until Dec. 9, 1955, when the Beth Tzedec Congregation was dedicated with Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg as its spiritual leader and a young Benjamin Friedberg as assistant rabbi.

"Each one of us bears within, a sense of pride at the magnificent overpowering and inspiring synagogue — a sense of pride coupled with humility as we face the tremendous responsibility to Judaism placed upon our shoulders by its very greatness," said Friedberg, now the synagogue's senior rabbi, at the dedication ceremonies held during Chanukah.

"Our pride is due in great measure to the fact that as we dedicate our synagogue, the cooperative effort of many dedicated people working hand in hand through the years toward a common goal, is represented."

Orenstein, who has been associated with the synagogue for the past 30 years, said it has been an "extraordinary phenomenon" watching the synagogue grow since its dedication. He said there has been a huge increase in the number of professionals from all fields among the synagogue's members.

He said the synagogue has had many accomplishments over the years such as the establishment of the first day school in Toronto in 1957. Orenstein said the Foundation School for the primary day school grades was eventually replaced by the United Synagogue Day School as the former due to the lack of children among the shul's membership.

Proud of Beth Tzedec's achievements, including the creation of the Jewish Museum which contains artifacts of Jewish history, Orenstein said the synagogue has pioneered adult education and weekend programs and has brought in artists to do works of art for the shul, as well as for art shows.

One art exhibit is the Beth Alpha Mosaic. It is a copy of a central panel of an ancient mosaic floor from a synagogue which existed around the 6th century. The copy was created in Israel from stones in Israel. The panel floor was found in 1928 by farmers digging an irrigation ditch at the foot of Mount Gilboa in the valley of Jezreel.

The Jewish Museum includes Chanukah lamps from many countries, a collection of Sabbath lamps and a pewter bowl used for the ceremony of the redemption for the first born, as well as rare seals, medals, Torah ornaments, Hebrew coins and many other valuable objects.

EDUCATION TOUR

Nurse Otilia Miranda measures the body temperature of a visiting Bialik Hebrew Day School student in the playroom of Doctors Hospital pediatric unit. Ninety Bialik students recently went through the hospital on an education tour. [Christine Marchall photo]

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Research, planning priorities

New Camp Council officers

TORONTO —

Research and planning will become a priority for the Jewish Camp Council to prepare for demographic changes in the Jewish community, the newly elected president of the council says.

Morley Wolfe, the president for 1986, made the remarks at the recent installation ceremonies for the directors and officers of the council.

The future of the council (which serves Jewish youths, seniors and singles) depends on preparation to properly serve the growing numbers of single parent families and the elderly, Wolfe said.

Morley Wolfe

He stressed the need to continually update programming and facilities to satisfy those needs, according to a release from his law firm Burt, Burt, Wolfe & Bowman.

Outgoing president Dr. Marvin Nash told those at the installation the accomplishment of the council during the past four years included achieving financial stability, upgrading facilities and programming, and ensuring superior services for the Jewish community.

A practicing lawyer for more than 30 years, Wolfe has held positions on the Canada-Israel Committee, The Board of Directors of the Canadian Council of Christians & Jews, and the Canadian Multiculturalism Council.

He has been chairman of The CJC's Joint Community Relations Committee, and is a past president of B'nai B'rith Canada. Wolfe now serves as co-chairman of the Community Liason Committee of the League for Human Rights.

The other directors and officers for 1986 are: honorary vice-president, Louis Lazonick; vice-president: Alan Borden, Dr. Steven Silver, Edith Sobel; treasurer, Edward Goldman; secretary, Dr. Marvin Waxman; past-president, Marvin Nash; trustees: Lucille Bensky, Robin Jolliffe, Ellen Nash, Judy Rumack, and Dr. Marvin Wiesenthal.

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Fashion

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Bridal gowns show mature, sophisticated look

By
LORI SMITH

Romance and grandeur have returned to weddings and today's bride wants an elaborate, sumptuous, sophisticated gown. Nuna Barran, a designer of one-of-a-kind dresses and a line of gowns for Dumais designs, says that most of her customers tell her one thing — they do not want to look like a little girl on their wedding day.

The Nuna Barran for Dumais Designs line's first ever collection offers brides a wide selection of grownup dresses. Each gown is made of pure silk and any appliques and beading are a part of the dress, not bought and sewn on.

The result is that the gowns feature couteriere styling and workmanship.

Nina Dumais, owner of Dumais Designs, explains that one of the most popular fabrics today is raw silk.

"At one time no one would buy it, but now it is 'in.' It has the same weight as taffeta and stands up well."

To illustrate, she shows a full-skirted dress with puffed sleeves and beaded pearl flowers on the bodice. Barran says that colors are also back in again after a 5- or 6-year absence. A satin organza gown features soft rose and gray flower appliqued at the neck line, the back and at the waist.

Dumais says that Princess Diana's wedding gown revived the big, plain styles. But Dumais says that she has found that the long trains and veils like Diana wore are not as popular any more.

She says that her one-of-a-kind line is representative of what is 'in' and what is 'out'. In addition to trains she has found that not too many women want hats any more. But all women want something that is unique.

The Barran for Dumais line features a number of unusual designs. One is an Elizabethan style dress that features tucking, net and lace gore insets in the skirt and sleeves, a stand-up Shakespearean collar and a net and lace peplum.

Another gown has a bubble skirt and sleeves with a pearl and lace dropped waist bodice. And yet another has a skirt that is a full circle. It features swiss lace and satin ribbon trim and is sold with or without puff sleeves. When it is worn sleeveless and strapless a cape can be worn over the shoulders and head and then dropped down and worn like a bustle. All the petticoats to the gown are finished with ribbons.

In terms of headpieces, the line offers simple rolls of fabric and pearls, beaded assymmetrical headpieces and many headpieces with veils that are detachable.

Barran points out that the reef-like rolls are particularly popular. Dumais adds that they are also comfortable and add to the dress.

Flower reefs, says Barran, have also been requested often in her designs.

The collection also features a number of styles of lace gloves. They range from long, sheer sleeveless gloves, to little gauntlet gloves to shorties.

The style one chooses depends on the design of their dress. The final touch is provided by little handbags to match the gown.

The Nuna Barran for Dumais Designs dresses will be available this spring across Canada.

Nuna Barran creates look of flowing softness. (Ronny Shinder photo)

Simple elegance by Nuna Barran. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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"I want the best agency in Canada"

Former model turns talent to what she knows best

By
LEN BUTCHER

When you're beautiful, intelligent and driven by ambition, it's only a question of setting a goal and working towards it.

And that's exactly what former model Linda Hill is doing with her highly successful Bookings model agency.

Representing some 150 models (women, men and children), the 38-year-old Hill, who began her career as a dancer, has been building a modeling empire over the past five years.

Sitting in her new headquarters — a 3-storey renovated building at 304 Richmond W. which she recently purchased — she talks of life in a very tough business.

Hill doesn't pull any punches.

"It is not easy for a girl, or anyone for that matter, to make it as a model. It's very competitive and you have to have a lot going for you to be successful.

"This is the reason I screen applicants very closely, because not only do they have to have the right look and personality, but they have to really want to do it.

"I see parents pushing their children into this business and that's wrong. They have to make that decision on their own. The trouble is that people think it's a glamorous life, but in reality, it's a lot of hard work."

So what does Hill look for when screening a potential model?

"With girls, I look for someone who can do everything, from fashion shows to photography. They must be tall — minimum in most cases 5 feet, 7 inches — and slim."

For products, however, such as a Campbell's Soup or drugstore chain ad, Hill says she can go for a healthier type of look and "the restrictions aren't as tight.

"Very few girls who are 5 feet, 2 inches make it in this business. They may get the odd job, but they can't make a living at it. I want girls who I can work every day."

Personality also has a lot to do with a model's success.

"A client can choose from hundreds of girls, but it's the one that gives the client the least trouble, has a happy disposition and who is professional that gets the job."

As to why models have to be so tall and slim, which is a far cry from the "average" woman, Hill says that "advertising campaigns are built on illusions.

"Most women who buy clothes shown by models are nothing like those models or even like the mannequins in a store which have the long legs and long torsos. But I think most women see themselves that way."

And what about male models?

"It's different for men," Hill says. "When wrinkles appear on a woman, it's called 'ease out and find another line of work,' but for men, clients like that. They don't want the little baby face. They want a more mature look."

Hill says it's very difficult to find male models because "the age that is required — the 30-40 age group — finds most men in their own business or they've become established in something which is considered a little more serious than modeling."

Bookings' adult models range in age from 16 to 80. "One of the unique things about Bookings is that we have a whole television department so that when models get too old for this business, they can work as actresses. One of our women, in her 80s, is now acting and it's wonderful."

Bookings' models can earn between $60 and $100 an hour, so even with Bookings 15% commission taken off, they can do very well financially.

And where is it all going for Hill, whose passion for her work easily shows through?

"We started Bookings five years ago and just this past Jan. 1 I bought out my partner.

"My husband, who is in the construction business, would like me home a little more, but he also understands the drive I have.

"I literally sleep, dream, eat, walk and talk this business. I guess right now I'm totally consumed by it and it's become a 24-hour-day job with me.

"Sometimes I shake my head and ask myself why I'm doing this. Financially I don't need it, but there's something in me that makes me want to keep pushing ahead.

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TORONTO —

Sol Mandlsohn has done it again.

The impish owner of Bay Bloor Radio and all-round renaissance man has written another anthology of children's poems. Contained in a volume entitled Nicholas Tickle Us (PMA Publishers, Toronto), the 60-odd poems in this latest effort are a whimsical collection from a man who, in many ways, never grew up.

Mandlsohn is no ordinary salesman of top-flight stereo equipment and televisions. Anyone lucky enough to get the boss on a frenzied Saturday at Bay Bloor Radio will likely be on the receiving end of a limerick or short fable before getting the pitch for the Walkman. Mandlsohn, ever the innocent yet roguish raconteur, just can't resist.

"There's a poem for every occasion," he's fond of saying— and he's been writing them for over 50 years. Also an accomplished character actor on the local theatre circuit, Mandlsohn has written poetry for children that's been widely published in many anthologies and used in the Ontario public school system. His earlier works, Of The Bird, Flying and Likeable Limericks have proven to be favorites with children across Canada.

Sol Mandlsohn

Nicholas Tickle Us will appeal to children aged 3 to 8, thanks also to the large, colorful illustrations by Peter Kovalik of plants, kids and bizarre looking animals.

Mandlsohn now has plans for a companion collection for older kids.

Some of his poems are as short as poems can get, but Mandlsohn manages to get in a play on words just the same:

If I owned a pussy-catra
I would call her Cleopatra.

That's accompanied by a regal looking feline dressed as Queen Nefertiti.

Another tells us of

A man named Stan
who could not smell,
Owned a scentless skunk
named Isabel.
Stan's story is
quite sad, because,
Stan never learned
how lucky he was.

The first section of Nicholas Tickle Us concerns animals and children's unique relationships with them. Part 2 is more about children themselves and their relationships with each other and with their surroundings:

I can't get my jacket
Under control
The button's too big
For the buttonhole.

Nicholas Tickle Us can easily be read by kids themselves. It's large but light, with easy-to-read print and lots of pictures.

It's available at Firefly Books in Toronto for $14.95.

Runaway Train derails in developing characters

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Manny is mean and tough. A mugger would be sorry if he was so foolish as to try to rip him off on a dark street. Manny, you see, is a hardened convict who would kill at a the drop of a hat.

When *Runaway Train* opens, Manny is about to be released from an interminable stretch of solitary confinement. Frank, the warden, hates Manny. He thinks he should rot in jail, utterly alone. But Frank, bitter about Manny's imminent release from "the hole," can't overturn the governor's commutation.

Fifteen minutes into Runaway Train, now playing at the Eaton Centre, Manny is already plotting to escape from the maximum security prison in the wilds of Alaska. He has no trouble doing so, since most of the prisoners regard Manny as something of a folk hero.

Under the cover of darkness, he and Buck — an obsequious laundry attendant who is good with his fists — climb down into a sewer, crawl through the stinking muck, bend some restraining bars and slide down a chute into the waters of a raging icy river.

Surviving this ordeal, they trudge through a snowy, mountainous landscape to a railroad yard. Manny and Buck steal some clothes and sneak into the cab of a diesel locomotive. As the freight train starts off on its journey, the engineer suddenly feels faint, totters along the guard rail, clutches his heart and falls off.

Manny and Buck don't know it, but they are on a train out of control.

Runaway Train, which is directed by Andrei Konchalovsky and produced by that ubiquitous Israeli duo, Menahem Golan and Yoram Globus, is alternately riveting and plodding.

The film holds a viewer as long as attention is focused on the efforts by the railway company and the prison warden to stop the train, now rumbling down the track at 90 kilometres an hour. But it is rather lacklustre when it attempts, albeit half-heartedly, to develop characters.

To be sure, Manny (Jon Voight) and Buck (Eric Roberts) are shallow one-dimensional figures who never really come alive. All we learn is that Manny is canny, practical, embittered and wistfully regretful he was unable to make a normal life for himself. We learn even less about Buck, a smarmy good-for-nothing.

Voight successfully portrays a down-and-outer who is not afraid to die, particularly because he knows he may take the vengeful warden with him. Voight is like a Nordic version of Sylvester Stallone: silent, strong and curiously articulate in a mumbling fashion.

Roberts is overshadowed by Voight. But occasionally, he manages to emit a flash of acting talent.

Kyle Heffner, who plays Frank, is convincing in his portrayal as a gungho cowboy of a man who, in his pursuit of the prisoners, thinks he's in Vietnam rather than in the U.S.

Runaway Train won't win any awards for excellence. But for all its drawbacks, it possesses a certain fleeting appeal.

Geraldine Page, right, with her bus seatmate Rebecca DeMornay, offers a richly bountiful character portrayal in The Trip to Bountiful.

Film is tender, compassionate

Trip to Bountiful nice alternative

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

If you've had more than your fill of the bang-bang Rambos, teenybopper bimbos and comic strip dumbos inhabiting the movie theatres around town, a trip to the Canada Square and Market Square Cineplexes is recommended as the ticket for you.

The film occupant there, *The Trip To Bountiful*, seems like an anachronism from another era, and indeed it is.

It's Horton Foote's adaptation of his 1953 Goodyear Television Playhouse drama, and it's a quiet, modestly budgeted film that deals with humans rather than cartoons, and touches on such universal matters as the pathos of age and the desire to return home before dying.

Foote, who won a 1984 Oscar for his *Tender Mercies* original screenplay, justly merits his Academy Award nomination for this adaptation. Likewise, Geraldine Page, nominated for seven previous Academy Awards, deserves the eighth nomination she has received for her screen portrayal here.

She plays a frumpy, hymn-singing, indomitable widow named Carrie living out her last years in a cramped Houston apartment with her mild-mannered, henpecked son (played with nice understatement by John Heard) and his brassy, nagging wife (veering close to caricature as depicted by Carlin Glynn).

Carrie has had it up to here with her dictatorial daughter-in-law who treats her like a senile bag lady and purloins her pension checks in order to laze around at the beauty parlor and soda fountain.

So one day Carrie puts on her best print dress and flowered straw hat, and sneaks off with her pension check on her dreamed-of last journey to her hometown of Bountiful which she hasn't seen in 15 years.

Her trip aboard the bus is filmed as a beautifully elegant experience, especially the friendship she strikes up with her young seatmate (sensitively portrayed by Rebecca De Mornay as a kind of surrogate daughter).

Inevitably, Bountiful turns out to be a ghost town and the farm house where she grew up is mouldering with decay. But Carrie is not dismayed. Radiant because she has returned to the familiar smells and sights of her birthplace, she is ready to accept the compromises of living when her son and his wife come to pick her up and return her to Houston.

The most affecting scene comes at the end of the film when she kisses her daughter-in-law who proves to be, after all, not a villainess, but a 3-dimensional human, like all of us, beset by frailties.

It's a profoundly moving moment of tenderness in a movie trip that is bountiful with compassion and humanity.

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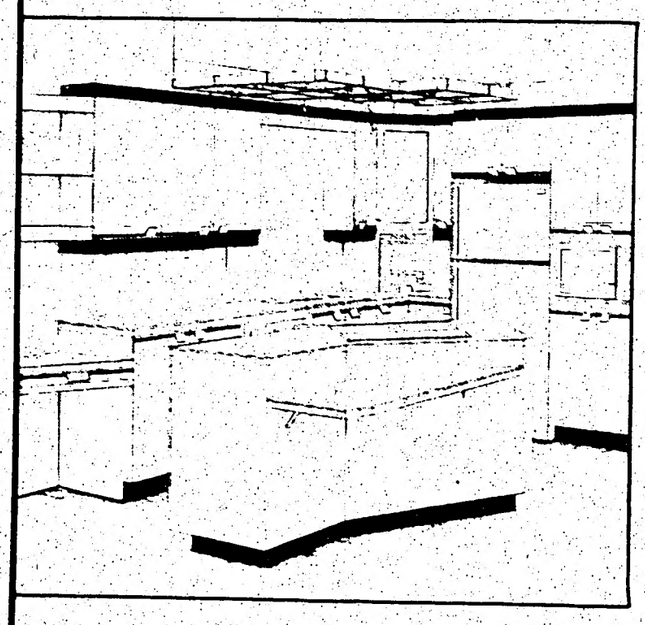
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Prepare yourself for unconventional dance troupe

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
Let's assume you've seen Vanessa Redgrave portray Isadora Duncan in the movie *Isadora* and that's your only experience with modern dance.

So how should you prepare yourself to see the highly unconventional Lewitzky Dance Company of Los Angeles perform during their engagement from March 4 to 8 at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre?

I posed that question to Bella Lewitzky. She's the highly extraordinary artistic director of the 12-member troupe who has long been regarded as the doyenne of California's modern dance world.

She's a Jewish dynamo who began choreographing at the age of 7 and reluctantly gave up dancing at 62. Yet today at 70, a lithe 5-foot-2 who looks as striking as an exclamation point, she remains an innovative choreographer and inexhaustible trouper very much on the go.

"A newcomer to my group's performance might feel uncomfortable at first," she said in response to my query. "That's because the dances I create don't have a traditional story line, like *Swan Lake*.

"It's as though you're going to the opera for the first time. You'll probably be puzzled at first because the arias are sung in a foreign language."

She refuses to provide a glib Reader's Digest formula for understanding modern dance. When pressed, though, she offers this advice:

"Remove your preconceptions along with your coat at the door of the theatre," she said. "Then relax. Have patience. Trust your own instincts.

"Remember how you felt when you first learned how to run, jump and kick up your heels in play. Soon you'll learn how to appreciate the dancers' visual images in motion.

"Above all, feel free to laugh if anything on stage strikes you as being funny. Some of my pieces are spoofs and satires meant to provoke humor."

The *grande dame* of West Coast dancing, who helped Agnes De Mille train hoofers for that landmark movie musical *Oklahoma!*, she believes that her Jewishness is reflected in her work.

"It's an influence that's reflected indirectly," she said. "You won't see Sholom Aleichem folk humor centred on Russian shtetls. I'm too American for that."

However, you do get her strong response to the Holocaust in one of her pieces she's staging in Toronto. She has set it to the music of Igor Stravinsky's *Symphony Of Psalms* and titled it *Nos Duraturi*, Latin for We Who Shall Endure.

"It demonstrates in dance form," she says, "the human need to group together for survival."

Her own socialist parents, Joseph and Nina Lewitzky, survived Cossack pogroms in the Ukraine by fleeing to California to settle in a utopian colony in the middle of the Mojave Desert.

Her father, an ardent Sunday painter and gifted raconteur, told vivid stories of his childhood in the Ukraine.

"He was one of 13 children who'd sleep huddled together on a raised shelf over the hearth to keep warm," she says. "Once, he recounted how his sister, whose chore it was to bake bread, went sleepwalking in the middle of the night to make dough.

"She then slept with it next to her body and the heat made it rise. Next morning the children woke up to find themselves pasted together."

Her own most vivid memory goes back to the days of Senator Joseph McCarthy's Hollywood witch-hunt in the early 1950s, when she refused to be a stool pigeon and name names of so-called subversives.

She recalls telling the House Un-American Activities Committee defiantly: "I dance. I don't sing."

Bella Lewitzky

Nora McLellan as a floozy and Richard Monette as an evangelical cop perform exuberantly in Farther West.

Lusty Farther West drama proves sordid but gripping

TORONTO —
It's difficult to define the character of the hooker who is the heroine of *Farther West*, playing at the Tarragon Theatre until March 23.

Is she the stereotype harlot with a heart of gold? Or is she a mixed-up whore with a headful of boozy purple prose-poetry?

It's hard to tell because this gritty, lusty drama by Calgary playwright John Murrell is itself a mixed-up melange seemingly derived from other literary sources.

At times, it seems to be a clone of Eugene O'Neill's portrayal of a waterfront strumpet, *Anna Christie*. At other times, it appears to be a folk opera version of James Joyce's highly sexed Molly Bloom groping to find herself amid a gush of overwrought language.

It centres on a blowzy redheaded prostitute named May Buchanan (played with great gusto by Nora McLellan, who was splendid last year in the Tarragon production of Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*).

The play opens with her naked in bed, surrounded by a meshed curtain. It's the summer of 1886 in a seedy hotel room in Rat Portage, Ont. While the customer beside her in long johns is snoring, she recounts a long monologue describing how her father kicked her out of the house at 14 for being a sexual tramp.

She yearns to find her personal freedom in some illusory "God-forsaken place farther west" where there are "no rules, no laws, no judges."

The rest of the play takes her on a vagabondage across Canada to Calgary and ultimately to English Bay in Vancouver.

She travels with a band of "painted ladies," who are more sordid than seductive, and she gets involved with two obsessed lovers, who are more blustering than they are believable.

One is an Alberta rancher, who keeps proclaiming his love for her, though she shoots him in the first act and then repeats her mayhem in the second act.

The other is an evangelical policeman who professes to redeem her for her sins of the flesh, but is himself drawn by the harlot's sexuality.

None of the characters seem real enough to evoke our sympathy. And the lush language is sometimes downright preposterous, as when May Buchanan recites an implausible paean of so-called universal significance while wallowing in the creek mud with one of her lovers.

But despite its absurdities, it's still worthwhile seeing as an example of experimental theatre.

By sheer acting skill, the floozy's two lovers overcome the deficiencies of their 1-dimensional characters. They are Richard Monette (known for his fine Hamlet at Stratford) and Geordie Johnson (equally fine in the Young People's Theatre production, *Of Mice And Men*).

The stage sets designed by Cameron Porteous are wonderfully evocative. And this reviewer even found redeeming humor in some of the bloated dialogue, as when May Buchanan wisecracks cynically: "You look like what the 5-month widow found when she dug up the corpse of her husband for his gold teeth."

For all its faults, it's a sordid and squalid folk opera that still manages to grip your interest. F.R.

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Arts

Terrorism fodder for filmmaker's mill

Golan's Delta Force is an "entertaining fairy tale"

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Menahem Golan, the Israeli film entrepreneur who has taken Hollywood by storm, treats a very topical subject in his latest picture, *The Delta Force*.

International terrorism, the bane of our civilization, is fodder for Golan's mill in this professionally crafted but superficial film.

The Delta Force, which Golan wrote, produced and directed, is based on last year's harrowing TWA hijacking which ended after nearly three weeks.

Before it wound down, the passengers, including those with "Jewish-sounding names" were removed from the plane and taken to Shiite safe houses in and around Beirut. An American military force, which had blown a 1980 mission in Iran to free 400 U.S. hostages, was dispatched to the Middle East, but never used.

In The Delta Force, now playing at the Eaton Centre, Golan recreates that incident to conform with his view of how a great power like the U.S. should respond to terrorism.

Golan believes that military means can solve political problems, and in The Delta Force he cranks out his own particular version of *Rambo*.

Chuck Norris and Lee Marvin lead a commando team into Beirut and by dint of courage, careful planning and bravado they deal a crushing blow to evil Arab terrorists and liberate the American captives.

The prisoners include a portly Martin Balsam, a withered Joey Bishop and a pale-looking George Kennedy. Among the passengers on the ill-fated plane are Lainie Kazan and Shelley Winters, both of whom have aged badly. Only Susan Strasberg looks radiantly beautiful.

Hanna Schygulla, the talented German actress, plays the part of the air hostess who is called on by the nervous terrorists to distinguish the Jews from the non-Jews. Within the limitations of her role, she is rather good. She conveys the anguish of a woman of German origin who weaves the past into the present.

The link between the Holocaust and Arab terrorism, a dubious one at best, is not the only point Golan tries to make here.

Golan implies that Israel is America's best ally in the Middle East, which is probably true, but he strains reality when he sets up a situation whereby U.S. troops use Israel as a base from which to attack the terrorists in their Lebanese lair.

Golan also errs by failing to distinguish between religion and nationality. In one scene in The Delta Force, Norris says something like this: "Let's get the Jews out!" He is, of course, referring to the American passengers. This subtle racism has no place in a script, especially one written by a Jew from Israel.

Golan was either shockingly insensitive or plainly ignorant.

His portrayal of the rescue, filled as it is with blood, gore and plenty of gratuitous violence, is simplistic.

Perhaps he was thinking of Israel's 1976 Entebbe raid, which he has immortalized in a schlocky film.

Golan's chief hero, Chuck Norris, stands tall and larger than life itself. Imperturbably, Norris can shoot straight, he can kick a man to death, and he can dangle precariously from a rope attached to a moving airplane. Only in fairy tales do such men exist.

But this is hardly surprising. The Delta Force is a fairy tale, albeit a fairly entertaining one.

Traces history of Israel's capital

Jerusalem proves engrossing read

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

JERUSALEM: Rebirth of a City, by Martin Gilbert. Academic Press, $29.95.

King David conquered Jerusalem from the Jebusites about 3,000 years ago. It remained the capital of the country for a millenium. The Romans felt no special attachment to the city and moved their administrative operations to Caesarea. When the Arabs conquered the area their capital was first Damascus and then in Baghdad — not in Jerusalem. The Byzantines ruled the city from Constantinople. The Crusaders maintained a presence in Jerusalem, but their real centre was in Antioch. The Turks ruled from a provincial headquarters in Beirut.

Jews, from the beginning, have regarded Jerusalem as the centre of their national life and the focus of their religion. A Moslem prays facing Mecca. A Catholic looks to Rome for the power and the glory of his faith.

History indicates that only Jews have protected Jerusalem's holy places. When the Temple was destroyed by the Romans they replaced it with a shrine to Jupiter. When the Roman empire became Christian in the 4th century the emperor leveled the pagan edifice and built a church. When the Arabs conquered Jerusalem they razed the church and built a mosque. The Crusaders in their time rebuilt the original church. When the Arabs ousted the Christians they demolished all alien structures on the Temple Mount and built the El-Aksa Mosque.

Since the 1967 war when all of Jerusalem came under Jewish control the holy places of the various religions have been protected and freedom of access has been granted to them. More than that, Israel gave the religious orders complete sovreignty over their shrines.

Jerusalem by Martin Gilbert is not concerned with the problems of modern Jerusalem. Rather, it is a colorful, many-sided survey of the growth and transformation of the city over a tumultuous 60-year period — from about 1840 to the turn of the century.

In the mid-19th century Jerusalem was a place of desolation, a picturesque outpost of the Ottoman empire. The population was less than 20,000. Tourists came but the journey was difficult and the risks were great.

By 1898 Jerusalem had been transformed into a modern city and the population had trebled. Many holy sites had been rebuilt and archeological discoveries brought an element of excitement. Most important, perhaps, was the fact that six European powers — Russia, France, Britain, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy — were striving to establish political influence in the ancient city.

Theodor Herzl journeyed to Jerusalem in November 1888 to meet with German Kaiser Wilhelm whose formal entry into the city was one of the major events of the decade. The kaiser's mother wasn't impressed, "Revolting," she wrote. "All done out of sheer vanity and with no trace of religious feeling — disgusting."

"On 1st November 1898 Herzl wrote in his diary: "We have been to the Wailing Wall. Any deep emotion is rendered impossible by the hideous, miserable, scrambling beggary pervading the place ... We inspected a Jewish hospital today. Misery and squalor. Nevertheless I was obliged, for appearance sake, to testify in the visitors' book to its cleanliness. This is how lies originate."

Herzl's meeting with the kaiser was not productive; eight years later he was dead, his dreams of a restored Zion unrealized.

This book about Jerusalem of an earlier era is engrossing throughout. The evocative photographs add greatly to the well-written text.

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By BEN ROSE

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Classical guitar whiz Laucke began as yo-yo champ

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Michael Laucke has a neat retort ready when reporters ask him the following question:

"Why is it that so many great violinists, cellists and guitarists happen to be Jewish?"

The 39-year-old Montrealer, internationally renowned as a wizard of the classical guitar, responds to the question with this droll answer:

"It's because the fingers on our left hand have been circumcised. This gives you great dexterity — especially with the pinkie."

That'll give you an impression of Laucke's delightful, deadpan humor.

He's a tall, powerfully-fingered health food addict, who flies around the globe giving 100 concerts a year equipped with one suitcase containing his $4,000 guitar and a smaller satchel packed with a dozen tins of his favorite sardines and loaded with Red Zinger herbal tea.

He alighted from his world travels long enough the other day to subject himself to a CJN interview over a hot cup of black currant tea.

He was in town to arrange for a concert recital he'll give in the New Music Concert series March 8 in the Jane Mallet Theatre at the St. Lawrence Centre.

He was also here to promote *How To Play Classical Guitar*. It's his series of eight 45-minute lessons on video cassettes now available at $39.95 per lesson at Records On Wheels stores across Canada or at Educational Video Productions in Toronto at (416) 440-0696.

Michael Laucke with his classical guitar.

What he doesn't reveal in the tapes is that he runs six miles each morning and does 120 pushups, 100 situps and 100 leg raises as well to prepare himself for his guitar-playing practice sessions of up to six hours per day.

"What's more, I don't smoke, don't drink, don't even have time to date girls," said the curly-haired bachelor as he sipped his tea. "I reserve all my love for my precious guitar."

He grinned. "A pretty boring life, eh?"

The woman responsible for his strong sense of discipline is his grandmother, Gussie Mitchell (originally Michelovsky) who at 94 is still going strong as an indomitable resident at Montreal's Harry Bronfman Square for Jewish seniors.

While his mother, Sylvia Mitchell Laucke, now retired at 70, worked as a hair stylist to support the family, Bubbie Gussie raised Michael and his brother Stephen in the east end slum ghetto of Montreal.

"My grandmother gave me my determination to be an achiever," he says. "Whenever I had doubts and said, 'I can't do it,' Bubie Gussie would strengthen my resolve with the dare: 'Who's stopping you?' "

Auditioned before Segovia

It was she who urged him to become Montreal's yo-yo champion at 10, winning the bicycle offered as first prize in the competition with 2,000 youngsters looping the loop and other yo-yo stunts at Lafontaine Park.

And it was she who goaded the teenager on to become the snooker champion of North America. With his $20-an-evening winnings as a pool shark, 16-year-old Michael was able to buy a guitar and study under the likes of Andres Segovia, Julian Beam and Alirio Diaz to become a concertizing soloist.

The high point of his apprenticeship was when he was chosen as one of the seven from 1,200 North American applicants competing to perform with the maestro in the film *Segovia's Metropolitan Museum Master Class*.

"I was allowed four minutes in the final auditions at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art to show Segovia that I had what it takes," he recalls. "The maestro was then a little old man of 89 sitting in the front row.

"After precisely three minutes and 20 seconds, he looked up and smiled. 'Good,' he said. 'You're in.'

"Later, after I performed in the film with him, he gripped me with his strong, lumberjack hands. 'Good work,' he said simply. Those simple words of praise mean more to me than the most laudatory reviews I've got on my concerts around the world."

Color Purple story transcends color

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Nominated for 11 Academy Awards, *The Color Purple* is a film of subtle power.

Tracing the intellectual and emotional development of a Black southern woman, The Color Purple is a story of fortitude, courage and triumph.

Celie Harris and her younger sister, Nettie, have for years been abused by their father, a rough, coarse child molester. He has not only treated them like chattels. He has impregnated Celie twice, then given away the infants for adoption.

One day, Albert — a widower and a farmer — drops by the Harris homestead and offers to marry Nettie, the pretty sister. Old man Harris says Albert can take Celie, but definitely not Nettie. Albert marries Celie and immediately puts her to work cooking, cleaning and caring for his brood of children.

Like Celie's father, Albert is a brute. Celie, for him, is nothing more than a maid, a sexual object. Albert's unbridled brutality consistently comes through, particularly when he callously throws Nettie off his land.

Nettie arouses Albert's ire after she rejects one of his unsubtle advances. Before Nettie flees, she has begun to teach Celie how to read, an endeavor Albert can barely appreciate.

Under Albert's tyranny, Celie is reduced to a slave. And she is powerless to stop Albert from carousing with Shug, a sensuous singer.

In time, Celie and Shug become good friends. Shug builds up her confidence in herself, and helps Celie find a cache of letters from Nettie in Africa that Albert had hidden beneath a mouse trap and pornographic pictures of white women.

The Color Purple, which is based on a Pulitzer Prize novel by Alice Walker, also revolves around Sophia, a proud Mother Earth type who marries one of Albert's sons, Harpo.

Sophie's life unravels after she accosts a white woman. She pays dearly for her flash of temper.

Whoopie Goldberg plays Celie with the consummate skill of an actress who has landed the part she always wanted.

Ophrah Winfrey, who portrays Sophia, is an absorbing presence on the screen, while Danny Glover is gloweringly effective as Albert. Margaret Avery, in her role as Shug, conveys with great precision the passions of a woman.

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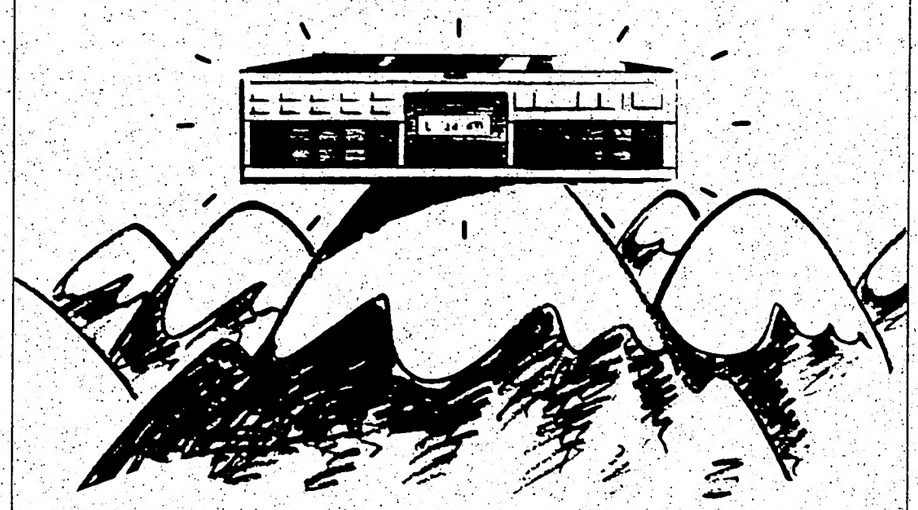

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Arts

Chassidic singer, Jewish comedian here March 9

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Avraham Fried, one of today's foremost performers of contemporary Jewish music, and popular affirmatively Jewish comic-raconteur Moshe Weiner, will perform at Seneca Collegiate's Minkler Auditorium March 9 at 7.30 p.m. for Chabad-Lubavitch of Markham's Chassidic Song Festival.

At the tender age of 9, Avraham Fried was hailed a child prodigy. His sweet melodious voice and empathetic renditions thrilled audiences across the U.S.

Now, 12 years later, Fried has reappeared on the chassidic music scene and has contributed five top-selling albums. He was voted Singer of the Year for 1984 in Israel.

A veteran of worldwide concert tours, Avremel, as he is familiarly known, recently returned from a smashing performance before 10,000 at Jerusalem's main auditorium, Binyanei Haoomah. Indeed, his magic lies in the unique sweetness of his voice.

His lively song of hope and inspiration and his soft ballads of sorrow and longing offer a most eloquent portrayal of the Jewish past, present and future.

Avrham Fried

Moshe Weiner, who has performed on Saturday Night Live, Sesame Street, Evening at the Improv and numerous other TV shows, represents a long-awaited new, natural breed: the Jewish comedian who's proud of being Jewish. His opening act will be entitled, "My Return to Yiddishkeit: the lighter side."

Toronto Jewry is strongly encouraged to see this outstanding display of the fact that the upcoming generation's Jewish soul is truly alive and well.

For further information call 731-7000.

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Probably one of the most comprehensive Holocaust commemorative records ever made is Cantor Louis Danto's Toronto-produced Songs of Holocaust and Heroism.

Dedicated to the last year's Canadian gathering of Jewish Holocaust survivors and their children in Ottawa, the album remarkably encapsulates every Holocaust dimension. Meticulously researched by Danto, with accurate period orchestrations by Beth Emeth musical director Charles Heller, this album conveys not only the unique tragedy of the Holocaust but also the heroic Jewish resistance to Nazi Germany.

The immensity of the Holocaust is conveyed in the opening Yesterdays's Sky by partisan-poet Leib Askin and the famous prophetics Brent (Our Town Burns) by Mordecai Gebirtig, which was actually following a pogrom in the Polish town of Przytyk one year before the German occupation.

The all-pervading question of "Where was G-d?" is probed in Beneath the White Stars, composed by victim Avreml Brudno and survivor A. Suckever (who lives in Israel).

The searlingly painful tragedy of the Holocaust, especially concerning the murder of a million Jewish children, is the subject of eight of the 15 selections. Most notable are Chane Cheytin-Weinstein's A Jewish Child (about a mother who gives up her only child to a rural gentile family to hide her from the Germans) and David Botwik's Rochele, about a 3-year-old girl murdered by the Nazis.

Finally, there are the three songs of Jewish partisan resistance: the Jewish Partisan by S. Kaczergynski, the famous Zog nit Keymol (Never Say) by Hirsh Glick and the most interesting selection in many ways from a cultural and historical perspective, the Hymn of Youth, with lyrics also by partisan Kaczergynski.

While Batya Rubin's accompanying melody, ironically, resembles the Germanic martial style, its setting to Kaczergynski's straight-forward yet proudly affirmative lyrics results in a powerful impact of defiance.

The song was dedicated to the Children and Youth Club of the Vilna Ghetto and was sung whenever they assembled. It was much more indicative of the general mood of the vilna Jewish population, which produced the heroic freedom-fighter Isaac Wittenberg, than was a recently produced play about the same ghetto.

To conclude this album with the Vilna Youth Hymn connotes Danto's ultimate message: that while no other people faced such impossible odds as did European Jewry under Hitler, no other people nonetheless faced these odds with such determined resistance.

The album, produced by Louis Danto on the Cadenza label, comes with complete English translations of the Yiddish song. It's a "must" for all people of conscience.

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Pianist Marc Widner performs at the Royal Conservatory twilight series March 13 at 5.15 p.m. For more information call 978-3771.

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Following the success of his recent Art Gallery of Ontario recital with Victor Danchenko, pianist Antonin Kubalek performs the complete sonatas of Mozart at Jane Mallett Theatre (CentreStage Town Hall), Feb. 27, March 13, April 3 and April 17.

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Travel

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Sternwheel steamboat way to see Mississippi

By JAMES MONTAGNES

BATON ROUGE, La. — There are various transportation routes to reach Louisiana's capital city, but one of the most interesting is by paddlewheel steamer on the Mississippi River. Some time ago this travel reporter had the opportunity to cruise the Mississippi, not as Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn did in Mark Twain's novels, but on a luxury sternwheel steamboat, the Mississippi Queen.

A century ago travel between communities along the river and its tributaries was mainly by riverboat. Today there are few riverboats left carrying passengers although there are plenty of freighters to be seen along the river. The Mississippi Queen was the first new passenger boat built in more than half a century.

The new ship has all the comforts of the most elegant ocean liners, with the advantage that you never need fear seasickness nor high waves.

The huge red paddlewheels at the rear of the ship drive it smoothly along the muddy twisting river, past cargo barges pushed by tugs, and through a green landscape punctuated by small communities and the tall chimneys of modern refineries and petrochemical plants.

Leaving New Orleans, the ship passes under towering high tension power lines and highway bridges, past built-up dikes called levees. It makes scheduled stops at Baton Rouge, St. Francisville, Natchez and Vicksburg in the neighboring state of Mississippi.

The ship makes week-long and shorter trips most of the year along the southern stretches of the river, longer trips in summer to as far north as Cincinnati, Ohio. Its older sistership, Delta Queen, also operates on the route.

There are always surprises on the route. We stopped some miles outside New Orleans, tied up at a wharf. The reason, we found out the next morning, because some driftwood had been picked up by the paddlewheels and had to be extricated.

The next day there was another unscheduled stop. The ship edged close to the shore, the long gangplank at the front of the riverboat, called a stage (because it was a stage in old times for river musicians), was lowered out to the rocky shore. The deckhands jumped ashore with long heavy hawsers to tie the ship to some trees. The stage was lowered to join some planks on shore, and everyone was invited ashore.

We climbed the steep slopes of the levee, the dike that keeps the river from flooding the land each spring. We walked along the levee for about a quarter of a mile, then down on the other side, to visit one of the old plantation homes along the river.

The house was set in a parkland with huge 200- and 300-year-old live oak trees, and a number of small guest houses used by visitors a century ago.

At Baton Rouge there was a chance to see more plantation homes and gardens and to visit the old state capital building which dates back to 1847 and was used as a prison during the American Civil war of the 1860s.

The castle-style building was replaced in 1932 with a 34-storey skyscraper by then Governor Huey Long. There is a fine view of the river and region from the viewing gallery on the 27th floor.

The Mississippi Queen is the biggest riverboat ever built, almost 400 feet (123 metres) long, can carry 500 passengers and a crew of 125, has several bars with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the paddlewheels, a 44-note steam calliope which can be heard for miles. It has luxury outside cabins with private verandahs and is air-conditioned throughout. There is even a small outdoor swimming pool, an open sundeck, and it has all the latest aids to navigation.

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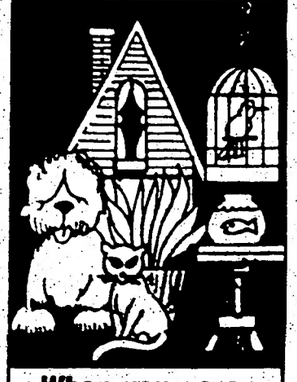
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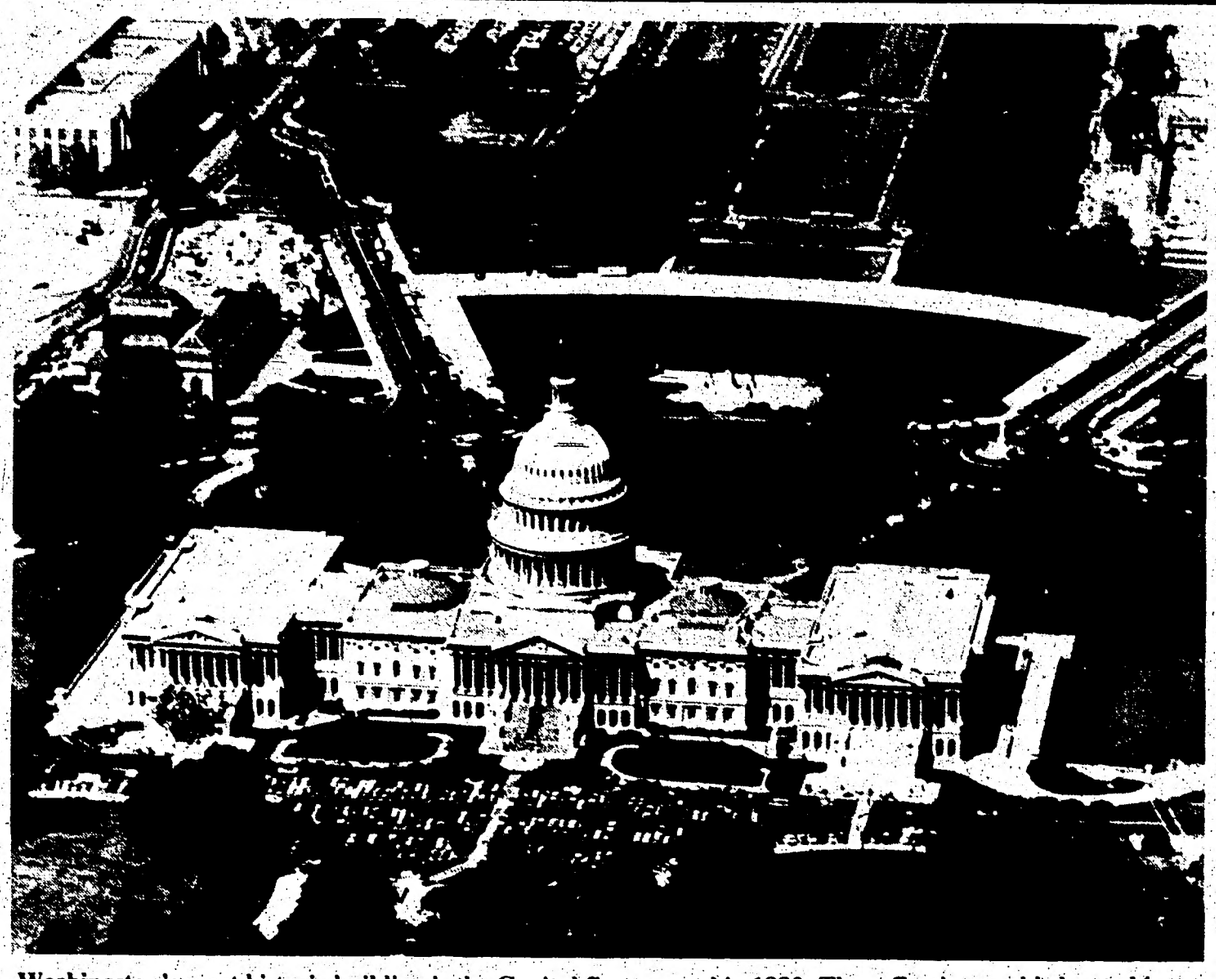

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Washington alive with color

Cherry Blossoms spring draw

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

WASHINGTON —
The National Cherry Blossom Festival to be held April 6 to 13 highlights the spring season in the United States capital. The balmy spring and early summer months are perfect months to visit this sprawling city filled with parks, museums and public buildings. Flowers bloom everywhere, sidewalk cafes open their doors and the springtime sun warms the magnificent wide avenues.

Kite flying festival

Spring and summer are outdoor months in Washington. Anywhere you look there are scores of bicyclists and joggers. The beautiful Rock Creek Park is filled with golfers, horseback riders, runners, picnickers and sunworshippers. The Potomac River hosts sailboats, yachts and dinner cruise ships. On the Tidal Basin there are hundreds of paddleboat enthusiasts.

In March you will be able to attend performances of the Central Ballet of China at the Kennedy Centre for Performing Arts from March 25 to 30. This marks their first tour of the United States.

Late in March and early in April the Smithsonian Museum will hold its Kite Festival at the Washington Monument grounds for kite flyers of all ages from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Competition will be for prizes and trophies.

Organ enthusiasts will be able to listen to 16 organists playing the music of Johann Sebastain Bach on the massive pipe organ at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church on March 16 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The last few weeks of April you will be able to visit the private gardens in the fashionable Georgetown area each afternoon. There is a walking tour of the Georgetown gardens, with or without guides.

During the same time period the gardens of the White House are open for public visits, including the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden and the West Lawn.

If you haven't seen a real live circus for many years, or ever for that matter, the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus is due for its 115th edition of The Greatest Show On Earth in mid-April at the District of Columbia Armory.

On May 10 various Washington embassies open their doors to the public to benefit Davis Memorial Goodwill Industries. There will be shuttle bus service between embassies, complimentary tea and a chance to meet members of the media and prominent government officials.

One of the important ceremonial events in Washington will be on May 26 when the annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be celebrated. This includes wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, music by military bands and later that evening a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra on the west lawn of the Capitol Building.

The American capital annually draws many Canadian visitors, for the city has an intriguing collection of attractions, most of which are free and open to the public seven days a week. The Washington Tourist Information Centre, located only two blocks from the presidential White House, is open daily except Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dominican Republic gave haven to Jews

By
IRENE DAVIS

SOSUA —
"You are interested in seeing the synagogue?" The white-haired man with the gentle, courteous manner alighted from his motor scooter and introduced himself — Horst Wagner, 69 years old, and one of the refugees who had founded this town of Sosua in The Dominican Republic.

Later, in the peaceful, 1-room synagogue he told his story.

He escaped from Germany to Switzerland in 1938, after that night of horror and violence that became known as Krystallnacht — one of only two members of his family to escape the Holocaust.

In 1940, with other refugees, he landed in the Dominican Republic, then governed by Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo, a hated dictator who inexplicably saved the lives of these Jews, provided them with land for farming, and helped them build homes and a synagogue — in stark contrast to those other countries at the 1939 Paris conference, Canada and the United States among them, who would accept no refugees.

In the beginning the community grew tomatoes and other vegetables but could find no market for them. They then tried dairy farming — with cows provided by Trujillo, one for each man, a second when he married, and another for each child born, according to Wagner.

"When you talk about Trujillo, please mention the good that he did," said Horst.

The success of the dairy farm was due in no small measure to a man called David Stern — his name now commemorated on a Sosua street — who came over from Israel with his invaluable kibbutz experience and taught them all they needed to know.

From its peak of more than 600 people the community has dwindled to 29 families, mostly old people. The young people have emigrated or intermarried. The dairy farm, once a cooperative, is now the United Dairy Company, owned by both Jews and Dominicans (the president of the community, one of the original refugees, is a director) and supplies the Dominicans with dairy products and meat.

The community no longer keeps kosher, but does celebrate Passover, with supplies ordered from the United States. Sabbath services continue, with tourists filling out the minyan, but without a rabbi. "He got involved in politics and quit," said Wagner, "but he'll come for this year's High Holidays."

There is no anti-semitism, according to Wagner. In fact, he said, young Dominicans come to Sabbath services wearing mezuzahs and Magen Davids. "They feel good here."

Wagner moved his family to New York in 1961. His two daughters married and still live in the United States. He returned to Sosua when he began to collect Social Security.

And there lies the probable future of the Jewish community of Sosua — a retirement community. There is very little income tax and property tax is non-existent, Wagner explained. About $12,000 a year would provide a quite comfortable life, it is hoped to bring in retired people from the United States to expand the community.

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Travel

Linking Amsterdam's past with the present

Dutch museum houses Jewish treasures

By
RABBI BARRY BLUM

AMSTERDAM —
In the culturally rich community of Amsterdam a project of monumental Jewish significance is currently underway. The artifacts of Dutch Jews who played an important role in the history of Holland from the 13th century to the present will shortly be housed in a more suitable location.

The Jewish community and the Dutch government are constructing a Jewish Museum in the old Jewish Quarter in Amsterdam.

Back in 1932, the Jewish Historical Museum opened in the old Weights and Measures House. This structure was inadequate in size to house the treasures of Amsterdam's Jewish community, which was especially prominent during the 17th and 18th century as a world centre for Hebrew printing.

In 1940, the Netherlands was invaded by the Nazis, and in 1943 the contents of the Jewish Historical Museum were shipped to Germany. The Jewish Quarter was devastated, the four Ashkenazi synagogues: The Great Synagogue, Obbene Shul, Dritt Shul, and New Synagogue were either destroyed or damaged severely. Only the Spanish Portuguese Synagogue, which was designated as a National Historical site was spared.

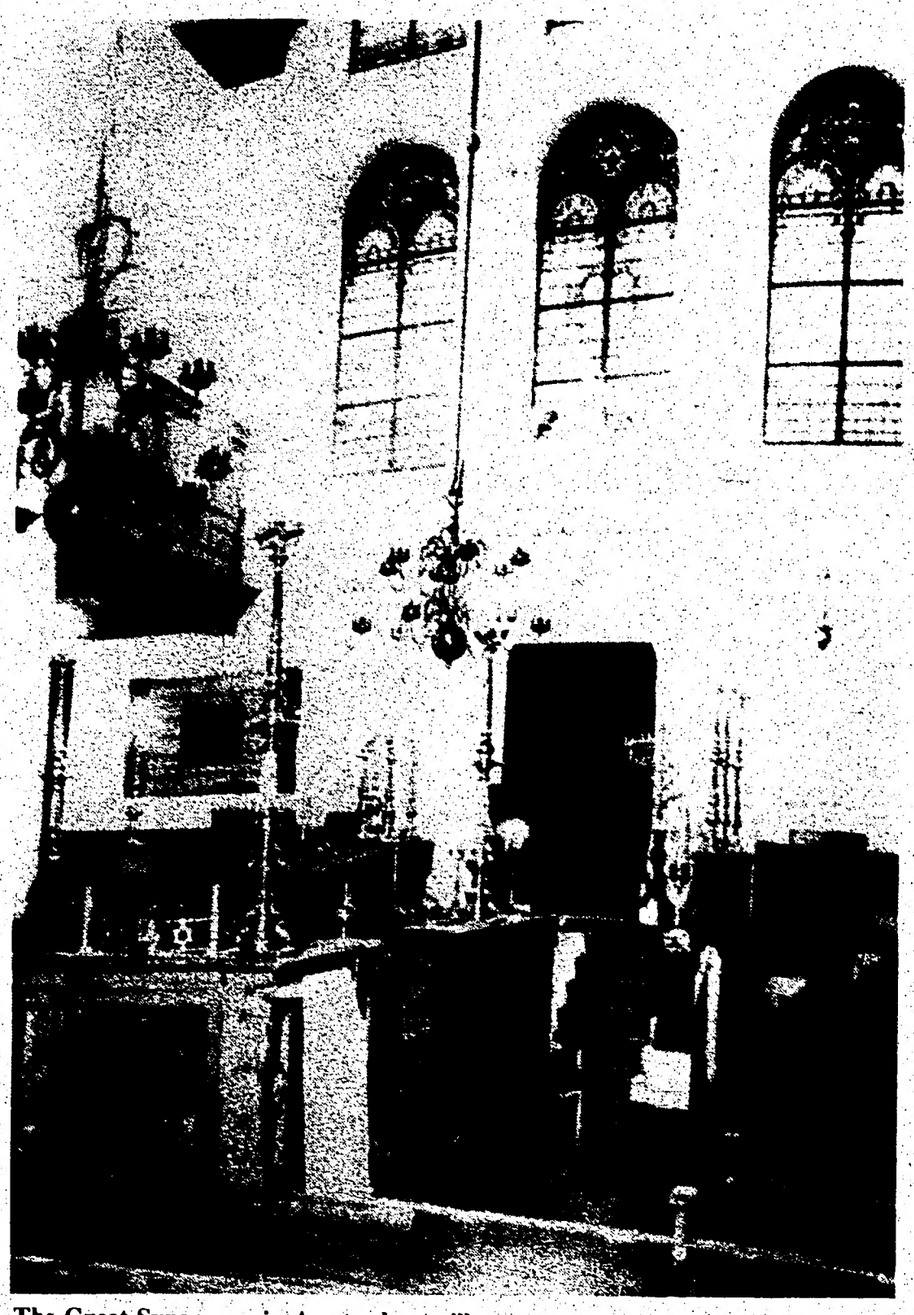
The contents of the Jewish Museum miraculously were not destroyed whereas the Jewish population and its religious and cultural institutions were decimated. Ten years following World War II the Jewish Historical Museum again opened at its former location. In 1974 the Amsterdam City Council purchased the rights to the damaged synagogues in the Jewish Quarter from the present Jewish community.

Currently, as a result of the matching funds from the Jewish community and the Dutch government, the Ashkenazi Synagogues are being restored according to their appearance in the 19th century and the museum's curators plan to display various exhibits in those structures beginning in May, 1987.

The Dutch Quarter, where these synagogues are located, will serve to link the past history of Amsterdam with the present. The additional space for the museum will offer the Dutch people as well as tourists the opportunity to learn about the cultural and religious lifestyles of Dutch Jewry as well as their contributions to this society.

This project requires substantial funds to become a reality. It is the hope of the Amsterdam Jewish community that synagogues, Jewish institutions, and whole communities will pledge their support for the completion of this important endeavor. Our own generation and future ones will be able to appreciate the unique contributions of Dutch Jewry by studying its history, seeing its artifacts, and remembering its past.

Your gift of support can be sent to: The Jewish Historical Museum Inc., Waggebouw, Nieuwmarkt 4, 1012 CR Amsterdam, Netherlands.



The Great Synagogue in Amsterdam will serve as part of a new museum complex displaying artifacts of Dutch Jewry.

"Ocean" at Epcot one of main draws

ORLANDO, Fla. —
Walt Disneys World's Epcot Centre recently opened its Living Seas adventure in Future World. The newest attraction features a giant 6-million gallon "ocean" filled with colorful sea creatures of every kind.

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Its initial population of more than 4,000 sea creatures — sharks and barracuda, crokers and snappers, angel fish, diamond rays and parrot fish — will more than double in a few weeks, the centre reports.

The Living Seas, housed in a 170,000-square-foot-structure, includes the main "ocean," Seabase Alpha, two theatres, research and veterinary laboratories and unique systems for transporting guests down and through the undersea world.

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Eyeing 1989 Games

Maccabi Canada has full agenda of competitions

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — A scant seven months after the Canadian team's record 3rd-place, 60-medal performance at the 12th Maccabiah Games, Maccabi Canada is already eyeing 1989 with a full agenda of competitive meets and increasing public visibility aimed at enhancing its burgeoning image as one of the most vibrant and active Zionist organizations.

Three and a half years still remain until Jewish athletes the world over meet once again in Ramat Gan, Israel.

Yet in many respects, the interim period between games is crucial in terms of preparing athletes and maintaining the organization's place in the public eye.

From Aug. 15-21 in Toronto, up to 2,000 Jewish athletes under age 16 from around the world — including South America, Australia, Europe, Israel and the U.S. — will compete at the North American Maccabi Youth Games.

Next, the prestigious Pan-Am Maccabiah Games, to be held in South America, are expected to attract record numbers vying for medals and a shot at selection for the Israel games.

"It will be difficult to maintain our position (in the public eye) unless Maccabi Canada is aggressive in its programming," says Abe Luxenberg, national athletic committee member.

That becomes an even more challenging task when the numbers are taken into account.

The Canadian team has mushroomed from a squad not much larger than a minyan in 1950 to 180 in 1985. At the 13th Maccabiah Games — already dubbed the bar mitzvah games — well over 200 Canadian Jewish athletes are expected to compete.

According to Luxenberg, "our goal is to bring as many youngsters as possible."

Sometimes lost in all the athletic activity is the message that Maccabi Canada's ultimate goal is not to win medals, but to bring young people to Israel, where, hopefully, they will decide to live permanently.

The establishment of a junior Maccabi contingent in 1985 — a Canadian inspiration — and a growing number of athletes, can only help to further that goal, says Luxenberg.

Maccabi officials can thank Nissim Louis for the inspiration for another innovation. It was Louis, a disabled participant in the local Swim to Israel program, who suggested finding a way to include disabled athletes at the Maccabiah Games.

At the next national meeting of the Maccabi Canada executive, Quebec will recommend the addition of the disabled to the roster of Maccabiah participants.

This is especially important, says Luxenberg, in view of the fact there are an estimated 34,000 disabled veterans in Israel. Bringing this message home to athletes and youngsters can be reinforced by their presence in the Games, he says.

To honor Canada's record performance at the last Maccabiah, Luxenberg, who also heads the organization's archives committee, is in the midst of assembling a comprehensive commemorative album. It will run at least 100 pages and will brim with glossy photos, contain emotional moments and will strive to capture the spirit of the Games.

B'nai B'rith hockey scores for the week of Feb. 20.

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LMOL Hawks 3 — Mixed Association 3
Canyon Brokers 7 — TFL Teammates 4

Player of the week was Laurence Slavin of the Canyon Brokers.

B1 DIVISION

Paris Kitchens 4 — Upper Canada Bruins 1
TFL Feathers 5 — TFL Fantasticks 3
Maccabiah Red Wings 4 — TFL Beaver Canoe 2

B2 DIVISON

LMOL Reds 9 — Forestdale Sting 1
Canyon Kings 3 — TFL Freedoms 1
Don Mills Axemen 4 — TFL Plumbers 0

Player of the week was Jeff Solomon of the LMOL Reds.

C1 DIVISION

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C2 DIVISION

Forestdale Blades 6 — Yorkdale Gunners 4
TFL Refiners 3 — Canyon Panthers 1
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North York Habs 3 — Don Mills Presidents 1
TFL Hav-A-Kars 4 — LMOL Brewers 1

Player of the week was Len Bearg of the TFL Hav-A-Kars.

Converts to Judaism

Lorimer joins Haifa team

By
YORAM KESSEL

JERUSALEM — Hapoel Haifa will have a new star playing for them in their next soccer league game — Alon Ben-Avraham, better known to Scotland, Leeds United and Toronto Blizzard fans as Peter Lorimer.

Lorimer, 38, joined the Israeli club after his arrival in Israel recently under the Law of Return.

He was recently converted to Judaism by a rabbi in the United States, and although it was unclear at the time whether the rabbi had been Orthodox or not, the Israeli interior ministry accepted the validity of the conversion, permitting him to register as an immigrant.

The rabbi who signed his conversion was Rabbi Elliot Spar, the Conservative rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Smithtown, New York.

Members of the Leeds Jewish community said they had recommended Lorimer to Rabbi Spar as a suitable case for conversion. Lorimer underwent both the brit (circumcision) and the tevila (ritual immersion) ceremonies.

On his arrival in Israel, he said he was delighted to be in the country and keen to begin his career with the Israeli team. Lorimer, once reputed to have the hardest shot in British soccer, signed a $20,000 contract for the rest of the season (which is already half-way through).

That is considerably more than Haifa pays some of its local players.

After his first training session with his new club, Lorimer said he had chosen to convert and come to Israel after being approached by the Haifa team.

"There's a large and friendly Jewish community in my home town, Leeds, and when I told them I had a chance to come over here, they all spoke very highly of Israel and were enthusiastic about the idea," he said.

Israeli fencing star joins Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (JTA) — Notre Dame, a bastion of Roman Catholic education, enrolled its first Israeli undergraduate student this academic year. He is 22-year-old Yehuda Kovacs, whose course of study is mathematics but whose avocation — and reason for choosing Notre Dame — is fencing.

Kovacs is a former national junior fencing champion in Israel. Wishing to further his skills in the sport and in the absence of such university programs in Israel, he wrote to 13 American schools with top-flight fencing programs. One of the 13 was Notre Dame.

Coach Mike DeCicco showed Kovacs' letter to university president Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, who, he said, was "ecstatic" at the possibility of enrolling the college's first Israeli.

"We wanted him as much as he wanted to be in this country," said the coach.

DeCicco approached a friend, Rabbi Yisrael Gettinger of the Hebrew Orthodox Congregation of South Bend, to discuss the question of money, as there are no fencing scholarships at Notre dame.

Gottinger mobilized his congregation to raise over half of Kovac's tuition and a great part of his living expenses. He wrote Kovacs that the city's Jewish community would welcome him with open arms.

Kovacs, one of the college's 18 Jews out of a student body of 7,500, has flourished at Notre Dame and is on its fencing squad, which also includes a Soviet Jewish immigrant.

He finished as a runner-up in his first tournament, racked up a 29-3 record, and recently bested a Wayne State student who is the defending national collegiate foil champion.

Pavin triumphs in Hawaiian Open

Corey Pavin used an eagle-3 to destroy Tom Watson's hopes and then hung on for a 2-stroke victory recently in the Hawaiian Open golf tournament.

Pavin, 26, came from three strokes back with a wind-blown 66, 6-under-par, and claimed his third victory in as many years on the PGA Tour with a 272 total, 16-under-par.

The triumph was worth $90,000 from the total purse of $500,000 and pushed Pavin's earnings for the season to $103,907.

One of the best rounds I've ever played," Pavin said afterward. "With the wind and the pressure, definitely one of the best I've ever played."

Pavin captured the gold medal in the men's golf competition at the 1981 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

At the Waialae Country Club in Honolulu, Pavin edged 2nd place finisher Pau Azinger, who shot a 4-round total of 274.

Watson, the 3rd-round leader, ended the tournament at 276, tied for 3rd with Master champion Bernhard Langer of West Germany.

Pavin started the final round knowing he had problems.

"It's tough to start out three back of Tom Watson," he said. "I knew I had to get the pressure on him early."

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Business Outlook

Insolvency examined

Credit Institute to hold seminar

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The Canadian Credit Institute, the national organization for credit professionals, will hold a seminar on Tuesday March 4 entitled Insolvency, Demystifying the Process.

The 1-day seminar will feature discussions concerning recent changes to the Bankruptcy Act and will deal with practical matters confronting those who deal in small and large businesses, says Helen Rubinoff, education chairwoman for the Toronto chapter of the CCI.

Lorne Booth, chairman of the National Credit and Financial Executives Forum, will present the keynote address dealing with bankruptcy and related matters, such as businesses which simply close their doors, receivership, winding down a business and other topics.

Throughout the day, a variety of seminars and discussions on debtors' and creditors' rights will be held at the Sheraton Centre, site of the seminar, with participants asked to voice their opinions and concerns on issues related to bankruptcy and receivership, Rubinoff says.

Other discussions will deal with the problems, rights and duties associated with being appointed an inspector in bankruptcy and with administration of the estate, she adds.

The day-long seminar is part of a series of three half-day lectures during Rubinoff's term as education chairman.

Helen Rubinoff

Other activities of the CCI include running a job placement service for members of the Credit Institute, publication of a twice-yearly newsletter, the promotion of fraternity in the credit industry, educational luncheons held yearly with addresses by senior economists as well as various social functions.

Previous seminars have dealt with procedures in Small Claims Court and on innovative strategies for staff motivation and improving productivity.

Anyone wishing to register for the seminar, contact Kathy Pearson a 1-668-9687. Registration cost is $120 for CCI members, $140 for non-members.

National Office Exhibition includes future theme area

TORONTO —
If you are involved in any aspect of planning or purchasing of equipment and services for the office, then the 1986 National Office Exhibition (NOE) will be held March 11-13 at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto.

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Baby doctor Spock battles social evils

By
SERGE TITTLEY

TORONTO —
Dr. Benjamin Spock has a very full agenda, but children and child-rearing still occupy the top spot on it.

The 82-year-old baby doctor and parenting specialist remains an outspoken critic of social injustice, the arms race, and big power politics which, he says, endanger the world for our children and our grandchildren.

While appearing as a special guest lecturer at the 39th annual convention of the Ontario Psychololgical Association held here recently, Spock spoke at a press conference. His comments and observations were offered to reporters who, for the most part, were junior high school students when Spock was at the height of his fame as an anti-Vietnam War campaigner in the mid-60s.

He commented on everything from the "insanity" of the proposed Star Wars space defence to an overly aggressive parenting style that is pushing children too early into an overheated competitive environment.

"If we weren't such a sick, materialistic, competitive society we would see that the family is the most important thing," he said, listing his own order of priorities as: family, community, achievement in the outside world.

He said our society's current priorities appear to be "first the career, with the family a poor second and community a poorer third."

Although the psychologists had invited Spock to speak on the "benefits of aging," the octogenarian told reporters he found it an odd topic to address. He explained that he accepts aging as a fact of life while preferring to concentrate his energies on battling social evils and what he sees as a wilful disregard for social justice in favor of larger military budgets.

Spock did say that many elderly, at least in the U.S., face increasing problems in retaining a decent standard of living and their dignity. Cutbacks in social services and the refusal to engage in new programming for the aged and the disadvantaged, are a favorite Spock target.

The world-famous pediatrician did suggest that political activism, even radicalism, is not an unworthy activity for senior citizens. He suggested that it's all part of keeping active, interested, and alert.

Returning to the world of children, Spock said "politics is part of child care." He called for a hundred-fold increase in the availability of day care facilities and renewed investment in elementary and secondary education.

Spock sees little to recommend in some current styles in parenting. He said it is a reflection of our overeagerness to achieve that we compel our children to enter a rat race that promises nothing but success at the cost of another's failure, and the neglect of the nurturing of wisdom.

His current advice to parents? Don't push children, let them grow and develop normally; be firm, clear, and unhesitating in exercising discipline. On that second point Spock said, "it's much better to do the wrong thing out of self-assurance than to do something out of fear of doing something wrong." His third suggestion to parents is that they should not be overawed by academic education.

"I don't believe in grades. Grades mislead the teacher, they mislead the student. Grades have nothing to do with wisdom."

Pesach Express starts running

TORONTO —
A Toronto congregation plans to take the drudgery out of Passover grocery shopping this year while raising funds for more permanent quarters.

Pesach Express, run under the auspices of Rabbi David Cooper and members of Am Echad, will offer complete home delivery of Passover goods to the elderly, the disabled, or those just too busy to shop.

For a nominal tax-deductible donation to the congregation, glatt kosher products including wine, meat, packaged goods, matzo and other items will be brought to the home.

Shmura matzo and a pre-set pesach plate can be added to the order in addition to religious articles such as Haggadas to make the holiday complete, says spokesman Lillian Cooper.

She suggests a donation of 10% of the cost of an order would be an appropriate contribution.

Orders should be made soon after Purim and can be taken up until a week before Passover, Cooper says. The week before Pesach is being left open to make deliveries, she adds.

To place an order, customers should phone either 787-7830 or 731-8458. A price list for the items desired will either be available at the time of phoning or volunteers will call back with information on costs.

All orders must be prepaid or COD, says Cooper. She adds that those who place orders for more than $100 will receive a bonus of a raffle ticket for a trip for two to Israel. The value of the ticket is $10, she says.

This is the first year Pesach Express is being operated says Cooper, adding that she hopes it will be successful enough to return next year.

Funds raised through the venture will be used to get permanent housing for Am Echad, commonly known as a "synagogue without walls."

Dietitians offer nutrition pointers

TORONTO —
March is Nutrition Month in Canada, a time when dietitians encourage people to stop and consider nutritional health. As part of their Eat Well — Live Well campaign, members of the Ontario Dietetic Association have produced a series of fact sheets on fibre, salt, fat, carbohydrates, snacking and cooking.

Some of the practical, easy-to-follow suggestions in these fact sheets include:

• Experimenting with spices, herbs, seasonings and lemon juice in cooking, instead of adding salt; as an excess intake of salt is one of several factors linked to high blood pressure. When you are choosing a substitute seasoning, avoid those which contain salt such as garlic salt, onion salt and celery salt.

• Adding fibre to your diet use bran, rolled oats or whole grain cereals as extenders in your casseroles or meat loaves; or adding nuts, seeds and dried fruit to salads or desserts.

• Replacing some of the sugar in recipes with the sweet-tasting spices and flavorings — cinnamon, cardamom, ginger, cloves, all-spice, vanilla, almond or peppermint. Although some of these spices do contain small amounts of added sugar, the amount used will not equal the sugar they replace.

To learn more about balancing your own diet or to have a nutritional assessment done on your eating habits contact a registered professional dietitian employed at most hospitals or ask to speak to the public health nutritionist at your local health unit.

Names of dietitians in your area who offer private consultation can be obtained from the Ontario Health Association at (416) 484-6818.

For more information, call: Leslie Mitchell, (416) 821-8970 or Shelagh Kerr, (416) 429-4444.

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Experienced babysitter needed for occasional evenings (specially Sat. nights) for 19 month old. References, & live near Bathurst-Yonge-Steeles area. Call 731-3571.

Loving babysitter from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. English speaking. Baby - 1 year old. Call 633-1865 evenings.

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Two bedroom furnished condo in luxury complex on famous Hollywood Beach with fabulous water views. Must sell. $95,000. 2 bedroom condo at Boca West in Boca Raton. Must sell. $69,000. Call Mr. Curtis 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at (313) 353-6655.

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Lge. 4 bdrm., family rm., huge living + dining rm., modern SOLD + baths, fin. lower level, move-in condition.

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$227,900 den on main, 3 bdrms, fin bsmt with 4 piece bath, modern amenities. W. Wynter 485-2299.

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STRATHALLAN TUDOR — $545,000
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Elegant 4 bdrm. home. Lrg. principal rms.; ultra kitchen. Fin. lower level w/nanny's quarters. Beautiful garden w/inground pool. Call Gertrude Kerbel, 483-4337.

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Classic Centre hall 4 bdrm. home. Main flr. den & powder rm. Master ensuite. Spacious lower level. Call Harold Hillman.

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Glengrove/Mona. On a picturesque 170' lot w/inground pool. 3 bdrms. (master ens.). Main flr. powder rm. Call Linda Rose.

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1st offering. 2 new townhouses to be built in prime Forest Hill. Over 2,200 sq. ft. + fin. lower level. Call Shirley Sugar, 483-4337.

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$349,000. On a gorgeous lot with ravine setting. 4 bdrms. Main flr. family rm. Fin. lower level w/exercise rm. & sauna. Call Harvey Cooper.

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YONGE/SUMMERHILL — $279,900
Chic Townhouse in the Bakery. 3 bdrms.; 4 baths. Many upgrades. Steps to Yonge St. shops, restaurants & subway. Call Elaine Goldenberg, 483-4337.

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Stunning kitchen with adjoining family rm. W/o to cedar deck. 3-4 bdrms. Central air. Great financing. Call Jack Solomon.

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$228,000. Absolutely gorgeous! Completely renovated — Fabulous white kitchen — Stunning marble bath, lrg. master. Private drive. Truly a gem! Call Elaine Chelin, 483-4337.

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Spacious 4 bdrm, 3 baths, circular staircase, family rm + fireplace, grey decor. Leslie Stromberg 736-1100.

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Interior decorated & completely renovated! 5 + bdrms, rosewood panelled family rm, new Hudson kitchen, finished basement. Maxine Povering 736-1100.

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BATHURST S. OF STEELES — JUST LISTED
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BATHURST-STEELES — $202,000
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BATHURST-STEELES — $127,900
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3 bdrm., sunken liv. rm., separate din. rm., mn. flr. fam. rm., firepl., w/o to lg. yard. $139,900 Michael Spagat - 731-7111.

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Spacious, 3+ bdrms., master ensuite, mn. flr. fam. rm., professionally fin. bsmnt. + nannie's rm. Extras galore! Michael Spagat, 731-7111.

OBITUARIES

Brody, Abraham on February 17, 1986, late of Baycrest Home For The Aged.
Cappe, Ann on February 16, 1986, late of 6250 Bathurst St., #416.
Chalk, Benjamin on February 12, 1986, late of 34 Leith Hill Rd., #114.
Cooper, Samuel on February 5, 1986, late of 81 Mabley Crescent.
Davis, Ray on February 13, 1986, late of 3000 Bathurst St., #305.
Deutsch, Stephen on February 17, 1986, late of 130 Neptune Drive, #609.
Frischman, Betty on February 11, 1986, late of Baycrest Hospital.
Kirshenbaum, Philip on February 17, 1986, late of 618 St. Germain Ave.
Meisels, Brasia on February 8, 1986, late of 4455 Bathurst St., #409.
Rotenberg, Marvin on February 12, 1986, late of 154 Cactus Ave., #56.
Stoppel, Ignatz on February 13, 1986, late of 3303 Don Mills Rd., #2105.
Zilberg, Ida on February 11, 1986, late of 25 Cedarcroft Blvd., #108.

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

Solberg, David on 2/5/86, late of 70 Newmarket Ave., Toronto.
Lustman, Ralph on 2/7/86, late of 38 DeQuincy Blvd., Toronto.
Alexander, Adeline on 2/6/86, late of Bakers Center, Toronto.
Cohen, David on 3560 Bathurst St., Toronto.
Osolky, Charles on 2/8/86, late of 2550 Pharmacy Ave., Toronto.
Brooks, Theodore on 2/7/86, late of 4775 Leitner Dr. W., Coral Springs, Florida.
Fishman, Alec on 2/8/86, late of 427 Shannon Rd., Sault Ste. Marie.
Baer, Albert on 2/9/86, late of 8 Boulton Dr., Toronto M4V 2V4.
Hofflazer, Annie on 2/9/86, late of 3560 Bathurst St., Toronto.
Joel, Wilfred on 2/10/86, late of 2515 Bathurst St., #412, Toronto M6B 2Z1.
Korman, Nathan on 2/11/86, late of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto.
Heisz, Bela on 2/11/86, late of 114 Elise Terrace, Will. M2R 2X1.
Selby, Anne on 2/11/86, late of 120 Brunswick St., Stratford.
Shanerman, Dora on 2/12/86, late of Baycrest, Toronto.
Solomon, Abraham on 2/12/86, late of 24 Arran Cres., Will., M2M 2W9.
Lester, Harry on 2/12/86, late of 20 Shallmar Blvd., #303, Tor., M5N 1J5.
Berman, Sam on 2/12/86, late of 4350 Bathurst St., #304, Toronto.
Barth, Moshe on 2/13/86, late of 4266 Bathurst St., #914, Toronto.
Lilyan, Breslin on 2/13/86, late of 7431 Kingsley Rd., Montreal.
Ugar, Benjamin on 2/13/86, late of 84 Heathview Ave., Willowdale M2K 2C5.

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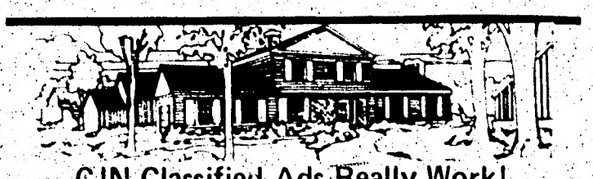

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March 2	Jewish Community Centre, Gala Israeli Folk Dance Festival, "Rikudiyah", Tait McKenzie Main Gymnasium, York University, 4700 Keele St., 2:30 p.m.
March 2	Public Speaking Competition for Youth sponsored by Canadian Zionist Federation, 2:15, 4:30 & 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.
March 3	Adult Education Institute, sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress. Planners and Programmers Skill Development Workshop: Getting the Most from Volunteer Committees: Practical Tips and Techniques, guest leader, Arthur Benjamin. 4600 Bathurst St., 5:45 p.m. For registration 635-2883, ext. 154.
March 4	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. Lecturer, Prof. Eva Dessen. Amos, Chapters 1 and 2. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
March 9	Lubavitch Concert, Hassidic Song Festival, starring Avraham Fried and Moshe Weiner. Minkler Auditorium, 1750 Finch Ave. E., 7:30 p.m. For tickets 731-7000.
March 18	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. Lecturer, Prof. Martin Lockshin. Amos, Chapters 3 and 4. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
March 19	Leonard Wolinsky Lectures. Abraham Malamat - "Conquest of Canaan: The Military doctrine of Ancient Israel". York University, Faculty Common Room, Vanier College, Steeles Campus, 2 p.m.
March 19	Leonard Wolinsky Lectures. Abraham Malamat - "From Infancy to Old Age: Maturing and Longevity in Biblical Times". Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., 8 p.m.
March 22	Lubavitch dinner and lecture - "Self Sacrifice of Russian Jews", Entertainment. Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate. For information 731-7000.
March 23	Recital of Cantorial Music, featuring Cantor Naftali Herstik of the Great Synagogue of Jerusalem and Cantor Paul Kowarsky of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, accompanied by Cantor Daniel Gildar of Philadelphia. Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., 8 p.m. For information 781-3511.
March 26	Leonard Wolinsky Lectures. Louis Jacobs, "Traditional and Critical Views of Jewish Law", 2 p.m. Room 114, Vanier College, York University, Steeles Campus.
March 26	Lecture by New York Psychologist, Bronya Schaffer on "The essence of a Successful Jewish Marriage". Lubavitch Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, 8 p.m.
March 27	CZF, CJC, Israel Action Committee and Beth Tikvah Synagogue present "Israel Update" with Hirsh Goodman. Beth Tikvah Syngogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., 8 p.m.
March 27	Leonard Wolinsky Lectures. Louis Jacobs, "Judaism in a World of Religious Pluralism", Room 108, Vanier College, York University, Steeles Campus, 1 p.m.
March 29	Mizrachi Concert, featuring Ales Duo and Arnold Fine, humourist. Minkler Auditorium, 1750 Finch Ave. E., 8:45 p.m. For information 630-7575.
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Innovative projects at fair

Bialik students get into science

By
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TORONTO — Models of the space shuttle, a project on motion sickness, and a display on radar were among more than 100 creative projects produced for this year's science fair at Bialik Hebrew Day School.

The projects are the work of students in grades 6 to 8, and produced as part of their science curriculum.

The results of the pupils' inspiration filled six classrooms on the third floor of the school this year, says Marjorie Manley, coordinator of the senior division.

Now in its 10th year, the annual, non-competitive event has been organized each year by science teacher Eva Marcovici.

She says she expects her students to do original research (no parental help) and then create a model, display or experiment on the topic they have studied.

After presenting their projects to their classmates "to get the bugs out," the final efforts are set up for the entire school, parents and the community to come, view and learn.

And the students are expected to be able to explain the products of their labor, says Marcovici.

The purpose of the fair says Manley is "to encourage the children to look into fields of science they are not familiar with.

"There is a great deal of excitement generated by it. The children develop an ability to speak fluently about a topic they may not have known before. It generates excitement from the younger children, and it certainly encourages creativity."

Among the many projects realized this year, Marcovici says some of the more innovative were a project on moving pictures and animation, a model of an alarm system, a display explaining the process of fossilization, and a pinhole camera.

Marcovici adds that she is looking forward to an even more successful fair next year.

The next big event on the Bialik calendar is a reunion weekend to be held April 18-20.

For more information, contact the school at 783-3346.

Grade 8 Bialik students Tal Schreier (left) and Liz Becker compare their "timely" projects on, respectively, sundials and clocks created for the school's science fair.

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